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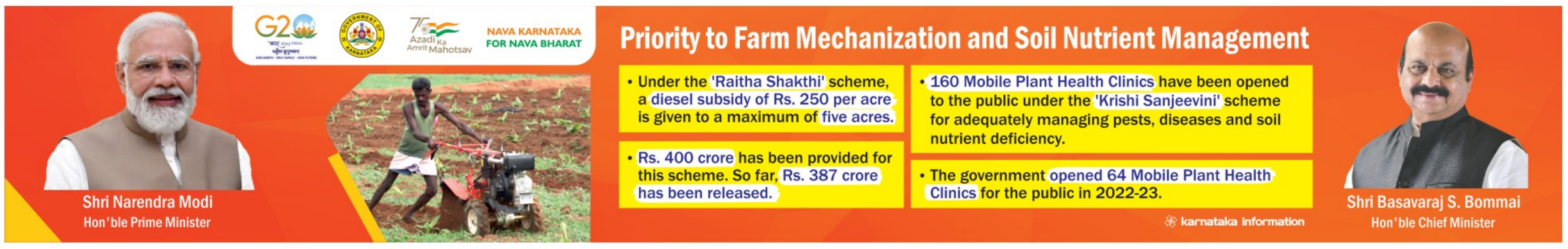
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NAVA KARNATAKA
FOR NAVA BHARAT
Priority to Farm Mechanization and Soil Nutrient Management
• Under the 'Raitha Shakthi' scheme, a diesel subsidy of Rs. 250 per acre is given to a maximum of five acres.
• Rs. 400 crore has been provided for this scheme. So far, Rs. 387 crore has been released.
• 160 Mobile Plant Health Clinics have been opened to the public under the 'Krishi Sanjeevini' scheme for adequately managing pests, diseases and soil nutrient deficiency.
• The government opened 64 Mobile Plant Health Clinics for the public in 2022-23.
Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
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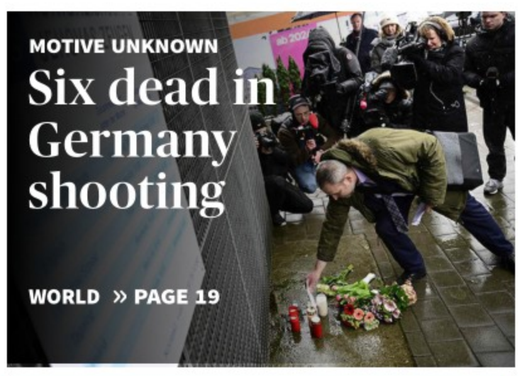

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Six dead in Germany shooting

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India's passive civil society base and democracy

Majoritarian encroachments are going unchallenged

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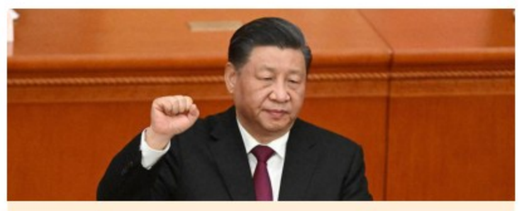

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Xi begins third term as Chinese President

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H3N2 flu claims two lives: Health Ministry

One of the victims is from Hassan; 451 cases confirmed in the country so far this year; patients show symptoms similar to those of COVID-19

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

At least two persons have died of the H3N2 subtype of seasonal influenza, which has infected rising numbers of people since mid-December last year, the Health Ministry has confirmed. After a country-wide surveillance exercise, the Ministry said that it had found at least 451 confirmed cases of H3N2 virus since the beginning of this year.

The first recorded death from H3N2 this year was of an 82-year-old man in Hassan district. He was hospitalised on February 24 and died on March 1, according to official reports. He had diabetes and high blood pressure. The second deceased was a 56-year-old lung cancer patient in Haryana's Jind district who tested positive for the H3N2 virus in January and died of it last week.

H3N2 patients display symptoms similar to COVID-19: fever, cough, breathlessness, wheezing and pneumonia. The Health Ministry has advised social distancing and mask wearing.

"Young children and old age persons with co-morbidities are the most vulnerable," the Ministry's statement said.

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Time to mask up

With flu cases rising across the country, the Health Ministry has advised people to wear masks and follow social distancing.

- India reported **9.66 lakh cases of flu in 2023**
- Up to **15,826 of these patients were hospitalised** with severe acute respiratory illness
- **451 confirmed H3N2 cases** were seen this year
- Suspected H3N2 patients show symptoms like fever, cough, breathlessness, wheezing
- Some also report signs of pneumonia and seizures

PM flags attacks on temples in Australia

Conveying concerns: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

Kallol Bhattacherjee
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Reports of temples being vandalised in Australia "worries" India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday.

Welcoming his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese, Mr. Modi said India and Australia had a close partnership, but the recent "attacks" by "pro-Khalistan outfits" on Hindu temples had "disturbed" New Delhi.

In his press statement, Mr. Albanese did not mention the concern raised by Mr. Modi, but said the ties were "multifaceted". The two sides agreed on completing a Comprehensive Economic Agreement "as soon as possible", he said.

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Shobha back in focus

BENGALURU
The BJP on Friday constituted an election campaign committee, led by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and an election management committee, led by Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje. » Page 12

Sprinklers to combat pollution

BENGALURU
For the first time, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike(BBMP) is set to buy five sprinkler vehicles with inbuilt tracking systems to combat increasing air and dust pollution in the city. » Page 2

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Conductor charred to death in Bengaluru after parked bus catches fire

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a horrific incident, the conductor of a Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) was charred to death after the bus caught fire. The incident happened around 4.45 a.m. on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Muthaiah, who was sleeping inside the vehicle parked at the Lingadheeranahalli bus stand after completing night shift. The reason for the fire is not known, and investigation is on.

In a press release, the BMTC said that after parking the bus, the driver, Prakash, went to take rest in a dormitory reserved for the crew at the stand. However, Muthaiah preferred to sleep inside the bus.

The BMTC bus that caught fire in Bengaluru in the early hours of Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The vehicle, which was inducted into the BMTC fleet in 2017, had run 3.75 lakh km.

The Byadarahalli police have initiated an investigation to ascertain the reason behind the accident and recovered CCTV footage installed 300 meters from the scene.

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Sumalatha declares support to BJP; refrains from joining it

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Putting an end to speculations over her political future ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Mandya on Sunday, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh on Friday declared her support to the BJP and the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The MP, however, clarified that she was not joining the BJP now, "technical and legal issues".

"From today onwards, I will be supporting the BJP and Mr Modi's leadership. I decided to back the BJP as I am confident that the party will continue to support me in developing Mandya. I have no other demand for supporting the party other than Mandya's development," the Independent MP told a crowded press conference at her residence in Mandya.

Sumalatha Ambareesh addressing presspersons in Mandya on Friday.

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China helps Saudi Arabia, Iran reconcile

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Regional rivals Iran and Saudi Arabia agreed on Friday to restore ties and reopen diplomatic missions in Chinese-brokered talks, they said in a joint statement, seven years after relations were severed.

The move caps a broader realignment and efforts to ease tensions in West Asia. Riyadh cut ties with Tehran after Iranian protesters attacked Saudi diplomatic missions in the Islamic republic in 2016 following Saudi execution of Shia cleric Nimr al-Nimr.

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HC quashes circular on holding uniform exams for Classes 5 and 8 from this academic year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday quashed the government's December 12, 2022 circular changing the method of assessment for Classes 5 and 8 by conducting uniform examinations for all schools in the State by preparing common question papers from the academic year of 2022-23.

No exam from March 13

With this order, the government now cannot hold uniform examinations, scheduled to be held from March 13, for students of these classes.

Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur passed the order while allowing the petitions filed by the Organisation for Unaided Recognised Schools and the Registered Unaided Private Schools' Management Association Karnataka, and the Karnataka Unaided Schools Managements' Association. Though the court termed as "laudable" the government's move to introduce a uniform method of assessment, it said that change in the assessment process does not stand to scrutiny of law as the changes were made without framing the rules for implementing Section 16 of the Right of Children for Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, as amended in 2019, for annual assesses of students in classes 5 and 8.

Efforts of the State government to change the assessment and evaluation method was laudable for maintaining standard of education when schools were mushrooming in every nook and corner of the State, the court observed. However, it said that to bring in a new mechanism, the authorities would have to follow the procedure laid down under the statute. The court declined to accept the contention of the government that it did not intend to frame the rules under the amended Section 16 of the RTE Act as the process of assessment at the end of the academic year came under the provisions of the Karnataka Education Act for the State syllabus.

Rules and consultation

"I am afraid that such a contention cannot be accepted as the impugned circular proposes new way of assessment and evaluation, which would invariably be assessed by an external agency [Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board], for awarding 20 marks. This is not contemplated under section 16 of RTE Act. ..." the court observed.

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Ellyse Perry and her invisible cloak of greatness

The Australian all-rounder is widely regarded as one of the best cricketers ever – incredibly, she has also scored a screamer at the football World Cup – but she wears her accolades lightly

P.K. Ajith Kumar

True greatness, wrote Samuel Butler in his celebrated novel *The Way of All Flesh*, wears an invisible cloak.

That is the impression Ellyse Perry gives, too. She is so self-effacing, you won't feel you are talking to the woman who has been described as the greatest female cricketer of all time by another great herself, Charlotte Edwards.

Take, for instance, the manner in which Perry speaks about the stunning boundary-line save she made against India in a crunch situation during Australia's T20 World Cup semifinal at Cape Town last month. India needed 18 runs off nine balls when Sneh Rana swept Jess Jonassen and four runs looked inevitable. But, from almost out of nowhere, Perry appeared in the frame, made a full-length dive, and flicked the ball back in, reminding you of a certain Jonty Rhodes.

It will remain one of the best pieces of fielding – by a cricketer male or female – you are likely to see for quite some time. Australia went on to win the match by five runs, and three days later, Perry lifted her eighth World Cup.

"I don't think it was that special," says Perry, during an interview with *The Hindu* at Mumbai's Taj Lands End, when asked about her special boundary-rope act. She would rather talk about how incredible that semifinal against India was.

Incredible is also a word you would think of to describe Perry's career in sport. In sport, not just cricket.

She has played in a FIFA Women's Football World Cup, in 2011 in Germany.

> I think the WPL is unrivalled by any other women's competition in the world. It is going to have a huge impact, particularly on Indian cricket

The goal she scored for Australia against Sweden – she got the ball to swerve into the top corner of the net from the edge of the box – is a reminder of what she could have achieved on a football field. She was 20 then.

At that time, she was very much a double international. She had made her debut for Australia both in cricket and football at the age of 16.

Though she continued to play both sports for several years, she eventually had to make a choice. She chose cricket.

That was perhaps the right thing to do: Australia isn't among the world's very best in women's football – its current FIFA ranking is 12 – whereas its cricket team is almost invincible.

Perry has been one of the key reasons for that. She had begun her career as a likely successor to Cathryn Fitzpatrick, who inspired many women, including India's Jhulan Goswami, to bowl quick. But she evolved into a genuine all-rounder.

ELLYSE PERRY

Perry has taken 283 wickets in international white-ball cricket. One of her best spells came while carrying an ankle injury. In the final of the 2013 World Cup against the West Indies at Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai, she had to stop twice in her run-up while bowling her first over.

Australia had taken a risk in selecting her and she wasn't going to let her team down. She didn't. She returned figures of three for 19 from her 10 overs to emerge as 'Australia's limping hero' of that World Cup triumph.

She had done her bit with the bat too in that match, with an unbeaten 25 off 22 balls. She now averages close to 50 in ODIs and more than 30 in T20Is.

Her Test batting average is a shade over 75, but she is quick to remind you that she has played only 10 Tests. She has struck two hundreds in them, however, including an unbeaten 213 in the Day/Night Ashes Test at North Sydney Oval in 2017 – the third-highest score in Women's Tests.

Her 374-ball innings came after she had opened the bowling and claimed three for 59 in 21 overs. It is a pity that female cricketers get to play in so few Tests. Perry, with her technique, temperament and spirit, would have thrived in the most testing of cricket's formats.

"I guess the landscape of women's cricket is like that at the moment – few Test matches," she says. "But the introduction of multi-format series is a great thing. Last year we had a Day/Night Test against India back home and I think we are having one in India. That is going to provide a platform to play more Test cricket. And if you look at the evolution in the men's game, I think there will be more and more Tests for women too."

Perry says she relishes playing all forms of the game. Three months ago, on Australia's tour of India for a T20I series ahead of the World Cup, she showed how much she had worked on her batting for the shortest format.

> I think it is important for all the girls to play as many sports as possible and not specialise. There are lots of benefits to it

She was coming back into the Australian T20 team after a gap of more than a year. In back-to-back matches on the very ground that witnessed her heroics in the 50-over World Cup final nine years ago, she slammed a 47-ball 75 and a 42-ball 72 not out.

But after being named the player of the match for the first knock, the typically modest Perry waxed eloquent on the batting of teammate Grace Harris, who had clobbered an 18-ball 41.

Harris is one of several match-winners in Australia's line-up. What makes this Australian women's team so strong?

"We have been fortunate to play in an era of great players," Perry says. "We have always wanted to progress and evolve. We have an organisation in Cricket Australia that has provided us that opportunity."

She believes the WBBL, Australia's pioneering women's T20 league, has also played a significant role. "It has unearthed so many great players," she says. "Ashleigh Gardner is a great example of that."

Gardner was bought for ₹3.2 crore by Gujarat Giants at the auction for the inaugural edition of the Women's Premier League. Perry was signed up by Royal Challengers Bangalore.

She thinks the WPL is a phenomenal tournament. "RCB has assembled an excellent squad, but the other teams look strong too," she says. "I think the WPL is unrivalled by any other women's competition in the world. It is going to have a huge impact, particularly on Indian cricket."

Does she miss football?

"No, I don't," she says, flashing that charming smile of hers. "I loved playing football and it was an amazing opportunity to do that. And it helped me as an athlete in general."

She also used to play a bit of tennis and was into athletics as well. "In athletics, I ran 400m, did some hurdles and long jump," she says. "I think it is important for all the girls to play as many sports as possible and not specialise. There are lots of benefits to it."

She is proof of that, isn't she?

GETTY IMAGES

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Novak Djokovic	35	7,160	15
2	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,780	18
3	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,805	21
4	Casper Ruud	24	5,560	24
5	Taylor Fritz	25	3,795	23
6	Daniil Medvedev	27	3,775	23
7	Andrey Rublev	25	3,660	25
8	Holger Rune	19	3,321	26
9	Rafael Nadal	36	3,315	13
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,245	27
11	Hubert Hurkacz	26	3,110	22
12	Cameron Norrie	27	2,815	23
13	Jannik Sinner	21	2,655	20
14	Alexander Zverev	25	2,500	19
15	Karen Khachanov	26	2,470	23

Top Indians ▸

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 313 ▲ No change

Sumit Nagal
Rank 379 ▲ 8 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,585	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	24	6,100	19
3	Jessica Pegula	29	5,495	17
4	Ons Jabeur	28	4,921	16
5	Caroline Garcia	29	4,905	23
6	Coco Gauff	18	4,251	18
7	Maria Sakkari	27	3,451	23
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,375	24
9	Belinda Bencic	25	3,360	21
10	Elena Rybakina	23	2,935	22
11	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,620	21
12	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,301	21
13	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,246	25
14	Victoria Azarenka	33	2,237	15
15	Petra Kvitova	32	2,227	18

Top Indians ▸

Ankita Raina
Rank 241 ▲ No change

Karman Thandi
Rank 268 ▼ 1 spot

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	26	20	3	3	59	25	34	63
2	Man. City	26	18	4	4	66	25	41	58
3	Man. United	25	15	4	6	41	35	6	49
4	Tottenham	26	14	3	9	46	36	10	45
5	Liverpool	25	12	6	7	47	28	19	42
6	Newcastle	24	10	11	3	35	17	18	41
7	Fulham	26	11	6	9	38	34	4	39
8	Brighton	23	11	5	7	43	29	14	38
9	Brentford	24	9	11	4	40	32	8	38
10	Chelsea	25	9	7	9	24	25	-1	34
11	Aston Villa	25	10	4	11	31	38	-7	34
12	Palace	25	6	9	10	21	32	-11	27
13	Wolves	26	7	6	13	19	35	-16	27
14	Nott. Forest	25	6	8	11	20	44	-24	26
15	Leicester	25	7	3	15	36	43	-7	24
16	West Ham	25	6	5	14	23	33	-10	23
17	Leeds	25	5	7	13	29	40	-11	22
18	Everton	26	5	7	14	19	38	-19	22
19	Southampton	25	6	3	16	20	41	-21	21
20	Bournemouth	25	5	6	14	24	51	-27	21

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	24	20	2	2	46	8	38	62
2	Real Madrid	24	16	5	3	47	18	29	53
3	Atletico Madrid	24	13	6	5	38	19	19	45
4	Real Sociedad	24	13	5	6	32	23	9	44
5	Real Betis	24	12	5	7	32	25	7	41
6	Villarreal	24	11	4	9	28	23	5	37
7	Rayo Vallecano	24	9	8	7	29	25	4	35
8	Osasuna	24	9	7	8	22	23	-1	34
9	Athletic Bilbao	24	9	6	9	33	26	7	33
10	Real Mallorca	24	9	4	11	21	25	-4	31
11	Girona	24	8	6	10	38	38	0	30
12	Celta Vigo	24	7	7	10	26	34	-8	28
13	Espanyol	24	6	9	9	30	36	-6	27
14	Real Valladolid	24	8	3	13	18	34	-16	27
15	Cadiz	24	6	8	10	18	35	-17	26
16	Getafe	24	6	7	11	23	32	-9	25
17	Sevilla	24	6	7	11	27	39	-12	25
18	Almeria	24	7	4	13	28	42	-14	25
19	Valencia	24	6	5	13	27	28	-1	23
20	Elche	24	2	6	16	18	48	-30	12

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	25	21	2	2	58	16	42	65
2	Inter Milan	25	16	2	7	46	28	18	50
3	Lazio	25	14	6	5	41	19	22	48
4	Roma	25	14	5	6	32	21	11	47
5	AC Milan	25	14	5	6	42	32	10	47
6	Atalanta	25	12	6	7	42	28	14	42
7	Juventus *	25	15	5	5	40	20	20	35
8	Bologna	25	10	5	10	31	34	-3	35
9	Torino	25	9	7	9	27	29	-2	34
10	Udinese	25	7	11	7	33	30	3	32
11	Monza	25	9	5	11	30	35	-5	32
12	Fiorentina	25	8	7	10	29	31	-2	31
13	Sassuolo	25	8	6	11	30	37	-7	30
14	Empoli	25	6	10	9	23	33	-10	28
15	Lecce	25	6	9	10	24	29	-5	27
16	Salernitana	25	6	7	12	28	44	-16	25
17	Spezia	25	4	9	12	21	41	-20	21
18	Verona	25	4	6	15	20	37	-17	18
19	Cremonese	25	1	9	15	21	46	-25	12
20	Sampdoria	25	2	6	17	11	39	-28	12

** 15 points deducted after investigation into club's past transfer dealings*

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	23	14	7	2	66	22	44	49
2	Dortmund	23	16	1	6	47	28	19	49
3	Union Berlin	23	13	5	5	35	27	8	44
4	RB Leipzig	23	12	6	5	46	29	17	42
5	SC Freiburg	23	12	6	5	35	32	3	42
6	Eintracht	23	11	6	6	45	33	12	39
7	Mainz	23	10	5	8	38	34	4	35
8	Wolfsburg	23	9	7	7	42	31	11	34
9	Leverkusen	23	9	4	10	40	37	3	31
10	M'gladbach	23	8	6	9	38	39	-1	30
11	Bremen	23	9	3	11	35	43	-8	30
12	Cologne	23	6	9	8	32	36	-4	27
13	Augsburg	23	8	3	12	28	39	-11	27
14	Hertha Berlin	23	5	5	13	28	44	-16	20
15	Stuttgart	23	4	7	12	28	40	-12	19
16	Hoffenheim	23	5	4	14	29	42	-13	19
17	Schalke	23	4	7	12	18	42	-24	19
18	Bochum	23	6	1	16	24	56	-32	19

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	919	937
2	Steve Smith	873	947
3	Joe Root	871	923
4	Babar Azam	862	882
5	Travis Head	843	843
6	Kane Williamson	797	919
7	Tom Blundell	782	782
8	Rishabh Pant	773	801
9	Usman Khawaja	757	779
10	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	859	904
2	James Anderson	859	903
3	Pat Cummins	849	914
4	Kagiso Rabada	807	902
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Jasprit Bumrah	787	835
7	Ollie Robinson	785	820
8	Ravindra Jadeja	772	899
9	Nathan Lyon	769	774
10	Kyle Jamieson	757	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	887	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	787	796
3	David Warner	747	880
4	Quinton de Kock	743	813
5	Imam-ul-Haq	740	815
6	Shubman Gill	734	734
7	Virat Kohli	727	911
8	Steve Smith	719	752
9	Rohit Sharma	719	885
10	Kane Williamson	700	799

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammed Siraj	729	736
2	Josh Hazlewood	727	733
3	Trent Boult	708	775
4	Mitchell Starc	665	783
5	Shakib Al Hasan	663	717
6	Rashid Khan	659	806
7	Adam Zampa	655	655
8	Shaheen Afridi	641	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712
10	Mohammad Nabi	631	657

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Babar Azam	778	896
4	Devon Conway	768	831
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Dawid Malan	719	915
7	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
8	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Glenn Phillips	662	703

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Wanindu Hasaranga	695	797
2	Rashid Khan	694	816
3	Adil Rashid	692	746
4	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
5	Sam Curran	688	688
6	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Anrich Nortje	659	695
9	Mitchell Santner	657	731
10	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	654	745

From Page One

HC quashes circular on holding uniform exams for Classes 5 and 8

The court said there was sufficient force in petitioners' contention that changes introduced were contrary to Section 16 of the RTE Act.

Meanwhile, Justice Yerur orally said that this order would not come in the way of the State government changing the assessment method from the next academic year by following the procedure as per the law. The petitioner-associations had questioned the correctness of changing the assessment method by conducting exams through the KSEAB instead of school-level assessment, as was done till previous academic year, especially for changing the assessment method at the end of the academic year.

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Soon, water sprinkler vehicles to combat air and dust pollution in city

A BBMP official says spraying of water is one of the important measures to reduce suspended particulate matter and dust. However, experts say it is not a long-term and sustainable solution, since in dry areas, the effect of water spraying does not last very long

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BENGALURU

For the first time, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is set to buy five sprinkler vehicles with in-built tracking systems to combat increasing air and dust pollution in the city. Civic body officials said that the BBMP has called a tender to procure five sprinkler vehicles, which will be used in various areas suffering from dust pollution.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a BBMP official said that spraying of water on the streets is one of the important measures to reduce the suspended particulate matter (SPM) and dust in the city.

"Once the vehicles are procured, we will operate these on the roads which are most polluted. Officials will identify such roads in the city soon. After studying the output, accordingly, more such vehicles will be procured by the BBMP. For now, it will be focused on arterial roads to control dust and air pollution in the city," the official said.

The BBMP hopes that sprinkler vehicles will improve the existing standards of public health and environmental quality by establishing efficient mechanism for dust suppression.

"The main objective is to ensure clean and pollution free air, reduce dust particles in the environment and increase photosynthesis process by spraying water over the leaves," the official explained.

The BBMP has called a tender to procure five sprinkler vehicles, which will be used in areas affected by dust pollution. FILE PHOTO

Why sprinkler vehicles

- To combat air and dust pollution
- To increase photosynthesis process
- To reduce the suspended particulate matter

How it works

- Five sprinkler vehicles with inbuilt tracking systems
- 6,000 litre capacity water tank fitted with nozzles for spraying
- Focus on arterial roads and most polluted areas
- Machine will be able to throw mist to a minimum of 30 metres in the air
- GPS equipment fitted to water sprinklers integrated with BBMP Command Centre

The vehicle will have more than 6,000 litres of water tank capacity fitted with adequate nozzles for spraying. The machine will be able to throw mist to a minimum of 30 m distance in the air. A GPS equipment will also be fitted to all water sprinklers which will be integrated with BBMP Command Centre, according to officials.

'Not sustainable'

Meanwhile, experts say that using the sprinkler machines is not a long-term and sustainable solution. "Water spraying on topsoil, roads, and other open areas by using sprinkler vehicles can help in dust suppression. For humid areas, this can work well, but in dry areas, the effect of water spraying does not last very long. Dust suppression on dry roads might last only for two to three hours after water spraying because of the weather conditions, which is not a long-term and sustainable solution. More than the amount of dust that will be captured by water spraying, we will end up causing pollution due to the burning of diesel by tankers," Pratima Singh, Senior Research Scientist leading the Centre for Air Pollution Studies at CSTEP, told *The Hindu*.

Ms. Singh questioned the civic body. She asked: "Why do not we focus on long-term and more permanent solutions? The solutions should be customised according to the areas, such as roadsides, parking areas, construction sites, and parks. Mixing water with salts and other chemicals can be effective in reducing dust in the short term, but reapplications are required. Moreover, the use of materials like permeable pavers, gravels, and geosynthetics should be explored for dust suppression at various locations."

An event to celebrate the art of beautiful handwriting

More than 50 artists are participating in the calligraphy exhibition, 'Miraj', being held in Bengaluru. NIVETHA C.

NIVETHA C.
BENGALURU

Calligraphy, the art of beautiful writing, has distinctive characteristics that set it aside from other arts. 'Miraj', a Multilingual International Calligraphy Exhibition and Seminar is a first-of-its-kind event that is happening in the city from Friday to Monday.

"More than 50 artists from eight countries are participating in this unique event," said Muqtar Ahmed, Principal of the Institute of Indo-Islamic Art and Culture, who is also the organiser of the event.

Apart from the display of calligraphy artworks, the event also included workshops and panel discussions. The event witnessed the presence of many calligraphy experts and artists across the world who shared their experience and knowledge of the art. "I am happy to see so many dedicated, young people in this exhibition who want to excel in this art. Soon, Indian Islamic calligraphy will be flourishing and be more successful," said Mohammed Efdaluddin Kilic, a calligraphy expert from Istanbul, Turkey. The panel discussions will include experts from UAE, Sudan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Japan etc.

Another intriguing element of the event is the representation of Indian vernacular language artworks. It includes Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, etc. Nava Kanth Karide who claims to be the first to do calligraphy in the Telugu language, said, "I have a keen interest in calligraphy. When I visited various exhibitions across the world, I came to know that there was no calligraphy in Telugu. That pushed me to practise the same." Various calligraphy artists and enthusiasts from all walks of life across the city were thrilled to visit 'Miraj'. "There are various Arabic calligraphies displayed here. It is definitely a learning experience for budding calligraphers. This exhibition will also create interest in artists in learning the vernacular scripts," Koeli Mukherjee Ghose, an artist and a calligraphy enthusiast said. The event will take place at The Falcon's Den on Brunton Road and the exhibition will remain open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Milk shortage: Bulk supply partially hit by private players skewing market

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU /HASSAN

Reduced milk production owing to the dairy industry hitting its annual lean season has brought pressure on the Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) milk supply chain, causing a shortage in its bulk supply in Bengaluru currently. Private players purchasing milk from the retail market to sustain their businesses in milk products is said to be causing a disruption.

This has resulted in the KMF managing to supply milk to its retail customers while its bulk customers, particularly the hotel industry, have been affected badly in the last two weeks. The Bruhat Bangalore Hotels' Association in a note on Wednesday highlighted the shortage.

Milk production has declined due to the non-availability of green fodder and prevailing heat. "Private businesses using dairy products are purchasing Nandini milk, causing strain in the market. We have also instances where private milk dairies have purchased our milk at ₹39 a litre and sold it after repackaging it at over ₹48 per litre. Hence, the six-litre jumbo pack has been discontinued and bulk milk supply has been drastically reduced," said Bangalore Milk Union Ltd. (Bamul) president Narasimhamurthy.

He also said private dairies were procuring milk directly from farmers in rural areas by offering a higher price, thus reducing the union's procurement. Bamul, which meets a big part of Bengaluru's requirement, has been procuring about 12.9 lakh litres as against 14 lakh litres daily in the corresponding period last year.

"A milk producer gets about ₹36 a litre if milk is supplied to the KMF whereas several private dairies from neighbouring States offer close to ₹40 a litre."

In general, many small milk producers have given up on rearing cows as it has become unsustainable, he added. Blaming the KMF for the erratic supply, Kadepalli Nagaraj, a director in the Kolar Milk Union, also acknowledged the role of private dairies procuring milk from farmers, especially in border villages.

The KMF, which in the peak of the flush season last year procured 94 lakh litres a day, is currently procuring 72 lakh to 74 lakh litres daily across the State, approximately 1% less than that in the corresponding period last year. Nationally, milk production has come down by about 8%, KMF sources pointed out.

The federation sells about 42 lakh litres of milk daily while the rest is used for its products such as curd, sweets, ice cream, paneer, and cheese. What has caused concern is a sudden spike in the sale of curd by 22%, an increase that has been termed as abnormal as natural rise in the recent years has been 8% to 10% during summer when customers gulp buttermilk to beat the heat.

Overview

- **Daily procurement of milk by KMF: 72 lakh to 74 lakh litres**
- **Daily Nandini milk sales in Karnataka:** About **42 lakh litres**
- **Mysuru Milk Union is procuring 6.5 lakh litres** — 10 % more than last year
- **Kolar Milk Union is procuring 7.8 lakh litres**, almost the same as last year
- **Mandya Milk Union is procuring 8.3 lakh litres**, about 1% more than last year
- **Hassan Milk Union is procuring 10.5 lakh litres**, about 13% more than last year

'Artificial pressure'

Meanwhile, KMF sources termed the situation as artificial pressure due to bulk purchases from private dairies as milk is unavailable elsewhere. "Curd sales have seen an abnormal increase from about 6 lakh litres to close to 10 lakh litres this year," KMF managing director B.C. Sateesh said. He acknowledged that the demand had increased, but claimed that there is no shortage of milk or curd.

KMF sources blamed erratic milk and curd supply in parts of Bengaluru to technical problems in Bamul.

They pointed out that it was not Bamul alone that supplied milk to Bengaluru. Supplies to the State capital, which accounts for more than 50% of the KMF's milk sales in Karnataka, also come through milk unions from Tumakuru, Kolar, and Mandya besides Mother Dairy, which procures milk from other unions such as Hassan and Mysuru.

None of these dairies has reduced their supply to Bengaluru. In fact, Mandya union has a surplus milk of about 3 lakh litres daily.

Boy injured in fall from second floor of building

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A three-year-old boy sustained serious injuries after he slipped from the second floor of the BDA Jnanabharati Residential Enclave apartment where he was living with his parents on Friday. Rahul, son of Shivappa and Ambika from Kalaburagi, was playing on the balcony and accidentally slipped.

A few residents rushed to his rescue and shifted him to a nearby hospital where he is said to be critical. Kengeri police are probing the incident.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has negotiated to purchase Immovable Property **bearing Unit /Flat No. A702 (A Block), "MIRAYA ROSE BY UKN APT,** BBMP No.567/434/A-702, Super Built up area **2900 Square Feet, with 2 Car parking Space,** situated at **Residentially Converted Survey No.66/1, Siddapura, Whitefield Road, Bangalore-560066, BBMP Ward No.84, from Mrs. Anna Chandy,** D/o. (Late) Mr. Thomas Alexander, W/o. Mr.Dilip Chandy. If any person/s are having any objections or claims in respect of the above sale the same be lodged with documentary proof within **7 days** from today failing which, our client will get the Sale Deed registered and it shall be deemed there are no claims of any nature whatsoever.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Mr.P.Anand Rao** S/o.Panduranga Rao, is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Sri.Guruprasad B.Patil** S/o.Late.Sri.B.M.Patil, and others .any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of this public notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of House Site No.40 and 41, House List Khatha No.275, Situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R.Puram, Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under BBMP Limit, Measuring East to West 40 Feet, and North to South 60 Feet, In all Measuring 2400 Square feet, and bounded on the:
East by : Road, West by : House Site Nos.50 and 51, North by : House Site No.42, South by : Road.

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Public are informed that our client intends to purchase All that house property bearing Villa no. 1 Panchayat **Khata No 39/32/1B-1** (Old No. 35/32/1-1) Presently bearing BBMP Katha bearing number Sl No. 341 Old number 259,39/32.1B-1, as per the records of the Ramagondanahalli Village Panchayat and known as "PRIDE ORCHID" and consisting of the built area is 1450 Sq Ft in the ground floor and the built area is 1450 Sq.Ft in the first floor consisting walls built out of brick and cement with Marble and Mosaic flooring and RCC Roofing situated at Thoobarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, which has been more fully mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property for brevity and convenience. The owners have acquired the same vide the Deed of Sale dated 21.02.2007, registered as document No.BAS-1-27612-2006-07 stored in CD No. BASD306, registered before the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, from its previous owner, Mrs. Kamala Govindan, Wife of Mr. T. Govindan and Mrs. Sowmya, Wife of Mr. T.G Ramesh, for a valuable Sale Consideration

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that house property bearing Panchayat **Khata No 39/32/1B-1** (Old No. 35/32/1-1) in (1) **Sy.No.32/1B,** an extent of **1 Acre 07 Guntas** (residentially converted by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide Conversion **Order No. BDS:ALN.SR (SA)440:96-97) dated 24.06.1997)** & (2) **Sy.No.32/1A,** an extent of **0-20 Guntas** (residentially converted by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide Conversion **Order No. BDS:ALN.SR(SA) 211:97-98 dated 28.03.1998)** in the records of the Ramagondanahalli Village Panchayat and Property situated in Thoobarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, site measuring East to West **52 feet** and North to South **35 feet** and totally measuring **1820 sq.ft** and bounded by:

East : Private Road;
West : Private Property;
North : Private Property;
South : Property Bearing Khata No 39/32/1B-2 (Old No.35/32/1-2) Villa No. 2

Further, any Persons having any right, title and interest whatsoever over the said properties may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **15 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public on behalf of my clients (1) Sri T.C.Andani, S/o Late Chikkajogappa, Aged about 41 Years (2) Smt.Veda.A W/o T.C.Andani, Aged about 33 Years, both are residing at No.50, "Srinivasa Nilaya", 1st Main Road, Near BBMP Office, New Timber Yard Lay-out, Raghava Nagara, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 026, have entered into an Agreement of Sale with (1) Smt.Sowbhagyamma W/o H.R.Muddaveera Setty, Aged about 74 Years) and (2) Smt.H.M.Hema D/o H.R.Muddaveera Setty, Aged about 51 Years, both are residing at No.3854/A, "Sri Renuka", Dhobighat, Opp.Fire Station, B.S.K. II Stage, Bangalore-560 070, on 12/12/2022 in respect of below mentioned schedule property. So this is to inform the general public that no one should enter into any agreement of sale with the above said persons in respect of the above property since my client is already an agreement holder of the schedule property. Inspite of this notice if any person were to deal with the above said Smt.Sowbhagyamma and Smt.H.M.Hema in respect of schedule property they would be doing so at their risk and cost. If anyone has got any objections or claim over the schedule property they may send their objections to the undersigned within 15 days from this day.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.1123, Carved in the Sy.Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 19 of Gerahalli Village, Bangalore and Survey Nos. 101, 103/1, 103/2, 104/1, 104/2, 105 & 106 of Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in the lay-out formed by the Vishwabharathi House Building Co.operative Society Ltd., in IV Phase of Girinagara, Bangalore-560 085, presently renumbered as Site No.3147 (as per Supplemental Deed), VBHBCS, 4th Phase, Girinagar, Bangalore-560 085, Carved in the Survey Nos.16, 17, 18 & 19 of Gerahalli Village and 101, 103/1, 103/2, 104/1, 104/2, 105 & 106 of Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, by Vishwabharathi House Building Co.operative Society Ltd., in the IV Phase of Girinagar, Bangalore- 560 085, (as per Supplemental Deed), in the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.54, New BBMP Ward No.162, measuring East to West: 50-0 feet, and North to South: 27-0 feet, in all measuring 1350 Square feet and bounded on

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Pigeons stolen from farmhouse

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Varthur police are on the lookout of a gang whose members stole 25 pairs of pigeons kept at a farm house of a businessman on Dommasandra main road in Gunjur on Tuesday night.

The complainant Aravind G.M. received the pigeons as a gift from his friend four years ago.

On Saturday night, he was alerted by his neighbour about the robbery.

Armed with a licensed gun, he chased the gang with his son, managed to pin down two of them, and later handed them over to the police.

The police have booked the duo under theft case are now on the lookout for the other accused, who are on the run.

The police suspect that the gang used to steal pigeons to be used for races.

The total cost of the stolen pigeons is estimated to be around ₹20,000, the police said.

Godown gutted

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A waste material godown was gutted and five labourers, sleeping in the shed, had a narrows escape when an accidental fire broke out in the middle of the night at Nayandahalli on Thursday night.

BBMP marshals, who were on night rounds in the area, noticed the fire and rushed to the spot to alert the labourers sleeping in the godown. They ran out to safety before the fire engulfed the godown.

It had a storage of empty plastic bottles and waste materials worth several lakhs, which were destroyed in the fire.

From scary Red Bull to floundering Mercedes and everything in between

What we learnt from Formula One's season-opener in Bahrain – and why Fernando Alonso and his Aston Martin crew sported some of the widest smiles on the paddock. Also a look at what Ferrari's drivers think of the competitive order

S. Dipak Ragav

GETTY IMAGES

With the dust settling on Sunday's season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix, *The Hindu* looks at the major talking points from Sakhir and what they could portend for the rest of 2023.

Red Bull triggers nightmares

The 2023 Red Bull is an evolution of the 2022 car that won both the drivers' and constructors' championships. It was the class of the field and enjoyed a significant advantage towards the end of the year, clinching both titles relatively easily.

In pre-season testing, the car was quick and racked up mileage without major trouble. Although Max Verstappen complained during Friday's practice that the car was not as good as it had been during testing, the team worked overnight and sorted things out for Saturday's qualifying.

Last year, the Red Bull was better on race day than in qualifying, but Verstappen comfortably took pole position in Bahrain with a three-tenths advantage over the next best car – the Ferrari driven by Charles Leclerc, who was third.

The reigning champion duly cruised to victory, leading a 1-2 for Red Bull with Sergio Perez second; it was a statement win but an even more pressing concern for rivals was the 38-second gap between Verstappen and third-placed Fernando Alonso in the Aston Martin.

Over a 57-lap race distance, this equates to an advantage of almost seven-tenths of a second per lap. While a considerable gap in itself, what might give the other team principals nightmares is the fact that the Red Bulls were not even at full tilt towards the end.

However, a possible silver lining is that this advantage may be track-specific. The layout and abrasive surface of the Sakhir circuit is very tough on rear tyres. The Red Bull appeared to suffer less rear tyre degradation than its rivals. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz suggested that Jeddah's smooth track in the next race could bring teams closer together.

Even if this were true, Red Bull's pace advantage seems handy – and should it go on an unchallenged run over the first few races, the defending champion will be very hard to catch.

Aston Martin's great leap forward

Aston Martin had struggled with its car concept in 2021 and 2022, finishing seventh in both seasons. But it was also developing its infrastructure during that period, setting up new facilities. Pre-season testing showed that the team had made a step up, and with two-time world champion Alonso joining the outfit, it was seen as the dark horse ahead of the season.

The team's 2023 car looks heavily inspired by Red Bull's concept. The fact that its technical director Dan Fallows is an ex-Red Bull employee is not lost on keen followers of the sport. The team has made the most significant leap this year, finding more than two seconds a lap from last year at the same venue, allowing Alonso to get onto the podium in Bahrain.

Although he was helped by Leclerc's retirement, the Aston's pace suggested that Alonso could have placed third on merit. The team has lofty ambitions – and banking points when Mercedes and Ferrari are struggling could help it fight for third place at the least.

More importantly, in terms of the big picture, Aston could also split the opposition to Red Bull, making the defending champion's life easier.

> A little bit of a surprise, but we are extremely proud. I'm curious to go to Jeddah and Australia... very different circuits. If we are strong [there], I think we will have a very good 2023
>
> **FERNANDO ALONSO,** Aston Martin driver

FERNANDO ALONSO

The Ferrari conundrum

F1's most famous team had high hopes of setting things right ahead of 2023. Last year was a missed opportunity, with poor reliability and strategy errors costing it dearly. Indeed, the team could not run its power unit at full capacity in 2022 because of concerns over its reliability.

Under a new team principal, hired to sharpen the race operations, there was a lot of work done to address this issue. However, the old gremlins returned to haunt the Prancing Horse on Sunday as Leclerc's chances were destroyed by a power unit failure.

More worryingly, the team was nearly three-tenths off the pace in qualifying, and in the race, Leclerc suggested Ferrari was a second slower per lap.

After the steady improvement from 2020 to 2022, anything less than a close fight for the title will be a step in the wrong direction for the Italian team.

Mercedes, McLaren lose ground

After pre-season testing and the first race, it is crystal clear that Mercedes and McLaren are the two teams in a worse position than they were in last year. Both have regressed and now face an uphill battle to return to where they were.

After the race, Mercedes boss Toto Wolff called it one of the worst days in racing and felt that the team had lost a year by going down the wrong path. Mercedes' response to the new regulations was a concept completely different from its rivals', an approach that has not paid off. The team started 2022 poorly before fighting back towards the end of the year and almost beating Ferrari in the constructors' standings. However, this year, the team is only the fourth-fastest car. Worryingly, Lewis Hamilton said after the Bahrain GP that Mercedes did not listen to his feedback on his problems driving the 2022 car when developing the 2023 version.

To make it worse, Aston Martin, which uses a Mercedes power unit, rear suspension and gearbox, has overtaken the main team in the pecking order.

> Well, one of the worst days in racing. We're just lacking pace front, right and centre. The Aston Martin is very fast and Red Bull is just on a different planet
>
> **TOTO WOLFF,** Mercedes team boss

Elsewhere in the paddock, McLaren has been steadily slipping down the competitive order. From fourth in 2021, it slid to fifth last year.

This year things have worsened, and it was evident from the comments made by the team during the car launch, when it tried to downplay expectations. The reality is even further off its predictions. Lando Norris produced a magical lap to qualify 11th, but was a sitting duck in the race, lapped by the race-winner before finishing 17th.

Debutant Oscar Piastri had a baptism by fire, qualifying only 18th and retiring from the race. The car has not been driver-friendly for a while, and only Norris' immense talent has been able to squeeze results out of it. Daniel Ricciardo, despite his quality, struggled in his two years with the team before being sacked, with a year still left in his contract.

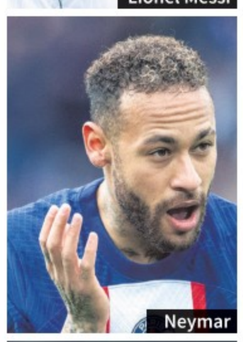
There is a real danger the team could slip below the top five, and it remains to be seen how long a generational talent like Norris will put up with a slow and challenging car.

GAME THEORY

Top attackers in Ligue 1

We take a look at the most prolific footballers in terms of end product (goals and assists) in France's top flight:

Lionel Messi


Neymar

Kylian Mbappe

Player	Club	Games	Goals	Assists	Goals + Assists
Lionel Messi	PSG	21	13	12	25
Neymar	PSG	20	13	11	24
Kylian Mbappe	PSG	22	18	3	21
Wissam Ben Yedder	Monaco	22	16	4	20
Jonathan David	Lille	25	16	4	20
Alexandre Lacazette	Lyon	23	14	4	18
Folarin Balogun	Reims	25	15	1	16
Breel Embolo	Monaco	26	12	2	14
Florian Sotoca	Lens	26	6	7	13
Martin Terrier	Rennes	16	9	4	13
Mama Samba Balde	Troyes	23	10	3	13
Habib Diallo	Strasbourg	26	13	0	13
Branco van den Boomen	Toulouse	25	5	7	12
Aleksandr Golovin	Monaco	25	6	6	12
Terem Moffi	Lorient	18	12	0	12
Zakaria Aboukhlal	Toulouse	26	6	5	11
Dango Ouattara	Lorient	18	6	5	11
Teji Savanier	Montpellier	21	10	1	11
Remy Cabella	Lille	20	4	6	10
Enzo Le Fee	Lorient	26	4	6	10
Junya Ito	Reims	23	5	5	10
Thijs Dallinga	Toulouse	25	9	1	10
Sepe Elye Wahi	Montpellier	22	9	1	10
Amine Gouiri	Rennes	21	9	1	10
Lois Openda	Lens	26	9	1	10
Alexis Sanchez	Marseille	23	9	1	10

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In a trice on ice

The photograph features a Chinese side competing in the women's team pursuit race at the World Speed Skating Championships in Heerenveen, the Netherlands, last week.

Speed skating's roots can reportedly be traced back to the North of Europe over a millennium ago, when the natives added bones to their shoes to skate on frozen rivers, canals and lakes. Records suggest that it was more an activity of pleasure and sport than a mode of travel.

An international federation was formed as early as 1892, with the winter sport enjoying great popularity in the Netherlands, Norway and South Korea.

Competitive speed skating can be classified into long track, short track and marathon, with various races being run in these categories.

The team pursuit event — a relatively recent addition to major international competitions — is skated by crews of three skaters each. Two teams race at a time, starting on different sides of the track. A team's time is clocked when the third skater crosses the finish line.

The reigning Olympic team pursuit champions are Norway (men) and Canada (women), both winning gold in the 2022 Beijing edition.

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Don't take action based on public notice for vacating Gandhi Baazar market complex, says High Court

Pointing out that they have been running small businesses from the time of their grandparents or parents, the petitioners say that the BBMP has not given them any individual notices to vacant the premises even though they are paying rent

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FROM THE COURT

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday, directed the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) not to take any precipitative action for now, based on the public notice issued on February 22 asking the occupants of shops at BBMP's market complex in Gandhi Baazar to vacate the premises within seven days.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the interim order on a petition filed by Vinayaka and seven other occupants of the shops.

Pointing out that they are carrying out small business from the time of their grandparents or parents at the BBMP's market complex, the petitioners have said that the BBMP has not given them any individual notices to vacant the premises even though they are paying rent and other charges.

Dispossessing them from the market complex sans any alternative arrangement would impact the livelihood of petitioners and their family members as the petitioners would lose their clientele that they had acquired from years, it has been claimed in the petition.

Temporary shelter

They also sought direction from the Court to the BBMP to provide temporary sheds in the vicinity till the construction of new market complex proposed under the Bengaluru Smart City Project, and also to give assurance to them in writing to allot shops for them in the new complex subject to the conditions to be specified by BBMP.

Allotment of space

In an identical situation, the petitioners have pointed out, in case of construction of new Jayanagar shopping complex the BBMP had assurance in writing to the occupants of old building for allotting a shop in the new building but now the BBMP is not prepared to give such assurance in writing.

Conman arrested for selling metal bar as gold

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The Girinagar police arrested a 39-year-old conman from Andhra Pradesh for allegedly cheating a shopkeeper and selling a metal bar as gold for ₹13 lakh. Based on a complaint, the police tracked down the accused, identified as Gunji Shivashankar Rao alias Gold Shiva, from his hometown in Palnadu district in Andhra Pradesh and arrested him. The police recovered ₹8 lakh, a hammer, a chopper and a motorcycle. The accused is suspected to have cheated many people, said P. Krishnakanth, DCP, south division.

Two more FIRs filed against Prashanth Madal

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Two more FIRs were filed against Prashanth Kumar M.V. alias Prashanth Madal, son of BJP MLA from Channagiri Madal Virupakshappa who is the prime accused in the bribery case, under the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act. This comes after the Lokayukta police allegedly found two men carrying ₹90 lakh cash and another man, who turned out to be Prashanth's distant relative, waiting at the office with ₹60 lakh cash on March 2.

Police suspect that Prashanth operated from the MLA's office on Crescent Road, where the first raid took place, while his distant relative, now arrested and booked, was a caretaker of the benami properties which Prashanth had amassed. The first FIR, where inspector Kumaraswamy B.G. is the complainant, stated that during the raid at the office where the Lokayukta sleuths caught him redhanded along with the cash, two people were found sitting on the sofa at the entrance of the office waiting for Prashanth.

Upon questioning, the duo, identified as Albert Nicolas and Gangadhar, gave vague responses. Upon further questioning, the sleuths found out that they were field staff of Karnataka Aromas company and had come to deliver the bags. The bags each contained ₹45 lakh cash along with some documents that were seized later. The duo told the Lokayukta officials that they had been instructed by their manager Deepak Jadhav to hand over the cash as part of the commission amount to Prashanth.

Based on their statement, the police have booked Deepak Jadhav, owner of the company, and staff and officials of the Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Ltd. (KSDL), charging them under section 7, 8, 9, 10 of the PC Act on Wednesday. The accused, according to Mr. Kumaraswamy, visited the office with ₹90 lakh cash in return for getting the tender from KSDL to get the purchase order and fund release. In the second FIR, Lokayukta officials found Siddesh Anil, a 28-year-old farmer from Chitradurga, sitting at the office in another room with a bag containing cash of ₹60 lakh. Upon questioning, Siddesh confessed that he is a distant relative of Prashanth and had come to deliver the cash. But, he did not disclose the source of the cash. The probe revealed that Siddesh is the owner of several benami properties which actually belonged to Prashanth. Siddesh and Prashanth have been booked under various sections of the PC Act for investigations. These two cases, according to Lokayukta officials, are different from the case of the MLA's, who has been booked under PC Act following the raid last Thursday.

Meanwhile, Lokayukta sleuths questioned the MLA again on Friday and recorded his statement. The questioning was inconclusive and the investigating officers plan to summon him again, probably on Monday, sources said.

One Health Bengaluru City Consortium launched

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Bengaluru Science and Technology (BeST) Cluster has launched One Health Bengaluru City Consortium to work towards the goal of integrating existing one health efforts, facilitating collaboration, and building a one health framework for the city.

One Health is a multisectoral approach that takes into consideration human, animal, environmental health, interconnectivity and interdependence of these elements.

Emerging diseases

At the launch BBMP Special Health Commissioner Dr KV Thrilok Chandra emphasised the importance of putting in place a systemic mechanism to quickly capture and respond to emerging diseases and the necessity for scientists and technology players to collaborate and collate information.

He said BBMP has already established the 'One Health Cell', set aside significant seed capital in the current budget for the same, besides setting up a Hi-Tech Laboratory and Metropolitan Monitoring Centre to capture the major disease parameters.

Ten years from now, the consortium envisions having an organised dashboard for data-informed policymaking, environmental surveillance made part of the public health care system, and a model framework in place for other cities to learn.

From Page One

Conductor charred to death in Bengaluru

"The footage suggests that the fire engulfed the entire bus very fast. However, there is no other footage to ascertain the exact reason for the blaze," a police officer said.

Though an electrical short circuit is suspected to be the reason, the police are yet to establish if the trigger was internal or external.

A senior police officer said the victim would have got up inhaling the toxic fumes but failed to escape. The charred body was found later. Only a post-mortem report and FSL analysis would reveal the exact reason, based on which further investigations will be carried out, said the officer.

The BMTC announced a compensation of ₹5 lakhs to the dependents of the deceased. Besides, ₹3 lakhs would be provided as a group insurance benefit. A decision has been taken to provide employment to the wife of Muthaiah on compassionate grounds. The deceased was survived by his wife, Manjula, and a 14-old girl. The family is a native of Bagalkot.

After the incident, the BMTC management decided to audit safety issues at places where buses are usually parked after night shift duty. A release from the BMTC stated that corrective measures would be taken by bringing out guidelines.

Sumalatha declares support to BJP

Her press conference had raised a lot of curiosity in political circles with speculations that she would join the BJP. Her support gains significance in the context of BJP efforts to make gains in the Old Mysore region, where BJP has hitherto found the going tough. "I have taken the decision after consulting my husband's supporters, the people of Mandya, and my well-wishers. Some people may feel bad and criticise me for my decision but I am fine with it since it involves my vision of taking Mandya forward," she stated.

On why she is not joining the party, Ms. Sumalatha said: "I could have joined any party within six months after my election. It's been four years after I was elected as an Independent MP. There are some legal and technical issues to join any party," she replied. Praising Mr. Modi and his leadership, Ms. Sumalatha said Mr Modi had genuine concern for Mandya and therefore he was inaugurating the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway in Mandya on March 12. "He (Mr Modi) could have inaugurated it either in Bengaluru or Mysuru but he chose to do it in Mandya. It shows his concern for the people of Mandya and the importance of Mandya. Union Home Minister Amit Shah too visited Mandya," the MP said, while replying to a volley of questions on her political move.

Whitefield Rising celebrates 10 years in civic engagement

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BENGALURU

Perhaps one of Bengaluru's most active Residents Welfare Association (RWA), Whitefield Rising, on Friday, completed ten years of engaging with the community for better civic amenities and governance.

The RWA started to protest against a private construction worker who wanted to cut down a public tree, from where it started to expand its network and members, to bring in impact.

The RWA takes credit for a wide range of issues over the years, ranging from helping a large number of people during COVID-19, to championing the cause of stray animals and dogs. "We hope we have been successful in inspiring and empowering people to take up causes to better conditions for community. There was only Whitefield Rising in Bengaluru 10 years ago, now there are many," members of the RWA said. "Amazing 10 years in Mahadevpura from being in a state of helpless citizen to an empowered Rising citizen. Finding solutions to problems, working with all stakeholders including government, instead of complaining is the mantra we have learnt," Ajit Sequeira, another member added.

"Ably led by leaders from various walks of life, Whitefield rising has set the benchmark for community activism. Whitefield Rising's impact cuts across a wide set of agendas, but the one area that I am really proud of is the mobilisation and support it created during COVID," said Anuj Pratap Singh. Another member Anjali Saini said it has been an incredible journey learning about civic governance. "WR's goal has been citizen empowerment. Ward committees, voter engagement and local level engagement for SWM have been some successful initiatives," she added.

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32°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be pleasant but hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
33°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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Cuba hopes to attract more Indian tourists, investors and entrepreneurs

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A Cuban delegation with the women achievers at the India-Cuba Trade conference in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In the last year, around 3,800 Indian tourists visited the island country Cuba in contrast to over 29,000 Non-Resident Indian (NRI) tourists visiting the country. The Cuban Embassy officials believe that the distance between India and Cuba and the lack of promotion of Cuba as a tourist destination here, are the major reasons why they do not see enough Indian tourists.

However, to attract more Indians, Cuba is taking up some measures including an attempt to shorten the travel time.

"Tourism is one of the main industries and major source of income to Cuban economy. Unfortunately, we do not see as many Indian tourists as we would like to. The distance which involves changing flights in Paris, Istanbul, Madrid or Toronto might be the reason why Indian tourists avoid Cuba," said Alejandro Simancas Marin, Ambassador of Cuba in India.

Mr. Marin spoke to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the India-Cuba Trade Conference in the city. He also said that from beaches to beautiful mountains to culture and history, Cuba had everything that Indian tourists look out for. "Most importantly, we have very friendly Cuban people. We are working very hard to see more Indian tourists. But, we still need better promotions here. We are working with tour agencies in both the countries to sell a variety of tour packages of Cuba to Indian tourists," he said.

A women's delegation headed by Deborah Rivas Saavedra, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, Cuba, also held Women's Day celebrations during the conference

Asif Iqbal, president of Indian Economic Trade Organisation (IETO) said that steps were being taken to establish direct air connections to Cuba.

"Over years, the number of Indian tourists visiting Cuba has increased by 25-30%. We are looking to get direct flights to Panama as we do not have them currently. The plan is in works with Air India to establish these routes," he said.

Celebrations

A women's delegation headed by Deborah Rivas Saavedra, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, Cuba, also held Women's day celebrations during the conference. Women achievers from India across various sectors were also given awards by the Cuban delegation during the event.

Speaking during the event, Ms. Saavedra said that Cuba had updated its economic models to attract more foreign investment and increase its exports and thereby, increase its income. She also said that there were more than 700 opportunities in different sectors such as renewable energy, tourism, biotech and others for Indian investors and entrepreneurs.

"The political and diplomatic relations between India and Cuba have always been on a higher level. With these opportunities, we look to stimulate our economic relations with India," she said.

She also said that as Cuba has prioritised the move towards clean, renewable energy, there are specific incentives to investments in that area. India is helping Cuba to set up two projects - a wind energy park of 50 MW and a solar power project with a capacity of 75 MW, it was mentioned during the conference.

Ms. Saavedra also spoke about food production and said that India had a lot of potential to help Cuba with agriculture.

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H.M.O.P.No.2750 of 2020
Prabhu Arun khanna .... Petitioner
-Vs-
G.Anitha .... Respondent
To
G.Anitha,
D/o T.Ganesan,
No.16, Priya Nivas, Jayaram Layout
Horamavu, Bangalore -560 043
Karnataka State.
Madam,
Please take notice that when the above H.M.O.P.No.2750 of 2020 came up for hearing on 15.02.2023 before the Hon'ble VI Additional Judge, Family Court, Chennai, Tamil Nadu was pleased to order notice to you through Paper Publication, returnable by 13.04.2023, please take notice that if you do not appear on 13.04.2023 the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.
Prabhu Arun Khanna
Petitioner

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT MYSURU

Com. A.P. No. 7/ 2020

Petitioner : Union of India Rep. by the Executive Engineer, CPWD, Mysuru. **V/s**

Respondent : M/S. Klassic Interior Invention Pvt. Ltd. and another R-1, M/s. Klassic Interior Invention Pvt. Ltd., # 280, 15th Main, RMV Extension, Aramane Nagar, Bengaluru - 560080.

Whereas an petition in Com. A.P. No. 7/2020 has been instituted by Petitioner against the Respondents mentioned above for set aside the arbitration award on the file of the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge Court at Mysuru. And summons issued through paper publication for the appearance of the Respondent No. 1 before the Court on 13-03-2023 at 11.00 am either in person or through his Advocate /s to answer the said petition.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

By order of the Court

Government of Karnataka

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Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell Haveri District invites **CMC Haveri** Limits e-tenders from Class-I PWD registered contractors for Chief Minister's Amruth Nagarothan Phase-4 Project work as per KTPP Act 1999 Rule 2000 as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Indent No.	Estimated Value (Rs in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs in Lakhs)	Tender Period
1	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148252	114.92	2.10	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
2	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148253	93.02	1.70	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
3	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148258	107.42	1.97	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
4	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148260	92.82	1.70	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
5	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148263	111.52	2.04	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
6	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148266	88.56	1.62	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
7	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148267	88.97	1.63	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
8	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148269	131.53	2.41	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
9	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148270	90.20	1.65	6 Months (Including Mansoon)
10	DMA/2022-23/OW / WORK_INDENT 148273	83.64	1.53	6 Months (Including Mansoon)

***Note : Amount put to tender is exclusive of applicable GST.**

Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-procurement paltform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** tender shall be submitted electronically at **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of events and other information's are as follows :

(1) Last date for uploading of completed tender documents : **16/03/2023** (2) Technical Bid Opening : **17/03/2023** (3) Financial Bid Opening : **20/03/2023**

Further conditions and further information can be obtained from this being working hours. If any changes in the calendar of events and the dates will be notified on e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, DUDC, Haveri

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Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML, 2nd Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru – 560 052.

No.: BSWML/CS-87/News-Ad/2022-23/119 Date: 10.03.2023

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Tender Notification No: DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/19/2022-23, Dated: 20.02.2023 invited through e-Procurement for Construction of Leachate Treatment Plants of 20 KLD capacity at MSW Processing Plants of BBMP (As per directions of the NGT Committee) is cancelled.

Sd/-
Deptuy General Manager-2
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DIPR/CP/5222/AKAR/22-23

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Mahadevapura Division N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560002

No.EE/RI-MPura/TEND/05/2022-23 Dated: 10.03.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through GOK e-procurement portal)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below :

Sl. No.	Name of the work / Package	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	**Construction of Damaged Drains, Culverts and Desilting of Drains in Arterial and Sub Arterial Roads in R I Mahadevapura Division. Pkg-1**	504.00	7,56,000/-
2.	**Construction of Damaged Drains, Culverts and Desilting of Drains in Arterial and Sub Arterial Roads in R I Mahadevapura Division. Pkg-2**	504.00	7,56,000/-
3.	**Construction of Damaged Drains, Culverts and Desilting of Drains in Arterial and Sub Arterial Roads in R I Mahadevapura Division. Pkg-3**	672.00	10,08,000/-

Calender of Events: 1) Document may be downloaded through e-portal from **14.03.2023 on wards.** 2) Pre bid meeting will be held on **16.03.2023 at 4.00 p.m. in the office of the Chief Engineer, Road Infrastructure.** 3) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or **before 20-03-2023, 4.00 p.m.** 4) Technical Bids will be opened on **21.03.2023 at 4.30 p.m.** 5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP **Website: www.bbmp.gov.in.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Mahadevapura Division, BBMP.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Yelahanka Zone, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560092.

No:BBMP/YNK/EE (Project)/TEND/24/2022-23 Date: 09-03-2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Project Division), Yelahanka Zone, BBMP invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP / KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organization for the Construction of works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD
1	Additional Developmental Works to Vidyaranyapura Indoor Stadium New Ward No. 14	249.00	Rs. 3.75 Lakhs
2	Additional Developmental Works to Indoor Stadium MCEHS Layout in New Ward No. 08	166.00	Rs. 2.50 Lakhs

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Last Date and Time for Queries (through Online only): **16-03-2023 upto 3.00 PM. 3)** Date and Time for Pre Bid Meeting**: 16-03-2023 at 4.00 PM. 4)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **20-03-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 5)** Opening of Technical Bid: **21-03-2023 at 4.30 PM. 6)** Opening of Financial Bid: **23-03-2023 at 4.00 PM (if Possible).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Yelahanka Zone, BBMP.

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No:BMICAPA/CLU-01/64/2022-23/2032 Date: 10-03-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri C. Gangappa S/o Late Chinnatataiah and Others has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** Zone which land is reserved for Agriculture purpose in approved Master plan under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining Sy.No: 27/8 Extent 02 Acre - 26 Guntas of Kommaghatta Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Talak, Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following:

1) By developing the layout in the above said lands, the poor middle class people will get the sites for reasonable price.
2) During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for Labourers.
3) Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the layout in the above said lands.
4) By planned layout the public are benefited with the civic amenities such as good roads, parks, etc.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public. Any person may file his / her objection to **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru** in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary, B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru.

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The EOI should be submitted **in hard form** as mentioned in the notice latest by **03.04.2023**.

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For any information about the advertisement, applicants may contact the under-mentioned address:

Geographical Area Name	District	Address & Contact Person	Contact No.
Ballari & Gadag	Gadag & Vljayanagar	Mr. Ranganath B T Manager (Gas), BPCL, H. No. 366/3, Patel Nagar, Near Venugopal Temple, Hospet - 583201	9632998990
Bidar	Bidar	Mr. Sumedh R Wasnik 2nd Floor, Brindavan Commercial Complex, Shivnagar South, Udgir Road, Bidar, Karnataka-585401	8019038886

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical South Zone, 9th Main, 9th Cross, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-11.

No: EE/ELE/S/TEND/17/2022-23 Date: 09-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Electrical South Zone, BBMP, invites Tenders from the reputed Consultants for Project Management Consultancy Services (PMC) for Electrical Works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Project Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services (PMC) for Comprehensive Development by Providing Park Lightings, Street Light Fitting, Poles, Switches and CC Cameras in Ward No. **161, 181, 182, 183, 165, 166, 167 & 180** in Padmanabhanagar Assembly Constituency. **(Package-3) (2nd Call)**	1000.00	25000.00

Calendar of Events: 1) RFP Documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 10-03-2023. 2)** Last Date for Submission of Completed Documents is **18-03-2023 before 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Technical Bids will be Opened **on 20-03-2023 after 11.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Electrical South Zone, BBMP.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.

No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-1/68/2022-23 Dated: 10-03-2023

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For 5054 Flood, Vishesha Abhivruddi, MP, MLA & Viveka Yojane Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 18-03-2023 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Storm Water Drain, (Yelahanka Zone), BBMP, 9th Floor, Shopping Complex, Jayanagara 4th Block, Bengaluru - 560011.

No: EE/SWD/YZ/TEND/10/2022-23 Date: 09-03-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) - (CALL-2)

(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (SWD - Yelahanka Zone), BBMP, Bengaluru invites Bids from reputed Consultants for Consultancy Services for Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the works detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount of the Project (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Consultancy Services for Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the Work of "Construction/ Remodeling of Primary, Secondary Storm Water Drains, Culverts / Bridges and Allied Works of SWD Spread Out at Various Locations of **Mahadevapura Constituency** under GOK Grant of 2022-23. **Package-2 (Action Plan Sl.No. 11, 12 and 13)" - (Call-2)**	**2500.00**	**1,50,000/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) RFP Documents can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 10-03-2023, 16.00 Hrs. 2)** Date of Pre-Bid Meeting on **14-03-2023 at 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Last Date for Receipt of Tender Documents: **17-03-2023 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bids: **18-03-2023 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, SWD, Yelahanka Zone, BBMP.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

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(1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **07.03.2023 to 18.03.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs.** (2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **10.03.2023 Time: 11.30 Hrs.** Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **18.03.2023 Time: 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **20.03.2023 Time: 17:00 Hrs.** (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

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DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/1095/ 22-23 dt.06.03.2023

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED

(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
19A, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Road, Egmore, Chennai 600 008.
044-45261777| hrd@sipcot.in | https://sipcot.tn.gov.in

No. SIPCOT/HRD/02/2023 Dated: 09.03.2023

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for engagement of One Chief Project Manager (on Contract) with more than 15 years' experience in planning, designing, developing, advising or managing Industrial Parks and Industrial Infrastructure Projects with minimum qualification of Post Graduation or equivalent in Management or Engineering or Planning or relevant stream.

Remuneration would be based on similar roles in other public organizations. For further information regarding the roles and responsibilities and application format may visit website: **https://sipcot.tn.gov.in** under 'Notification'. The application format given therein can be downloaded, filled and emailed to **hrd@sipcot.in** along with documentary proof.

The last date for receipt of application is 20.03.2023. SIPCOT would not be responsible for any delay in submission of application due to clerical error, network problem etc. Candidates will be selected based on experience and merit.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

DIPR/244/Display/2023

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BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML, 2nd Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru – 560 052.

No: DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/20/2022-23 Date: 10.03.2023

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)

Short Term Tender Notification
(Only through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

1. The Deputy General Manager-2, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
2. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka.
3. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Amount in Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract period
1	Construction of Leachate Treatment Plants of 20 KLD capacity at MSW processing plants of BBMP (As per directions of the NGT Committee) with operation and maintenance for a period of 5 years (Extendable to 2 years)	Capex Rs. 827.00 Opex Rs. 438.00 per Annum	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.7,27,000/- by Bank Guarantee / FDR issued by Nationalized / Scheduled Bank	As per e-procurement portal	9 Months

NOTE:

1. Pre bid meeting will be held on **18.03.2023 at 15:00 hours** in office of the CE&CGM (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru- 560 052.
2. Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document on or before 16:00 hours on **27.03.2023** and First Folder containing the Technical bid will be opened through e-portal only on **28.03.2023 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
3. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the e-procurement portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. E-procurement portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of e-procurement portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
4. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the E-Procurement portal only.
5. GST Shall be paid separately.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-2
BSWML

DIPR/CP/5221/AKAR/22-23

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Phone No. 080-22265383, website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/PMC/EPTND-EP-05/64/2022-23 Date: 08.03.2023

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PROVIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES.

(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tenders as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Consulting Firms under two cover system for Project Management Consultancy Services for the developmental works taken up in the Industrial areas such as Harginadoni Industrial Area, Kuduthini Taluk, Ballari District, 2nd Phase Kadechuru Industrial Area Layout, Yadagiri Taluk, Yadagiri District & Hassan Industrial Area, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **18.03.2023 upto 04.30 PM**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/5178/Zen/2022-23

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari

Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-1/2022-23/6180 Dated : 08-03-2023

Short term Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through e-procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT166529	440.00
2)	KPWD/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT165892	280.00
3)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT165905	150.00
4)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT166635	100.00
5)	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT166621	90.00
6)	KPWD/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT165794	86.75
7)	KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT166844	0.66

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in e_Procurement Portal.

1) Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the work of SI No.(01) to (03) **10-03-2023 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2) Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal **14-03-2023 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3) Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal **18-03-2023 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids **20-03-2023 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

DIPR/Ballari/1021/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ALAND

Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi, E-mail: ka.tmc.aland@gmail.com & itstaff_ulb_aland@ymail.com

No.TMC Aland/SFC Special/2022-23 Date: 10/03/2023

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION :-

The Chief Officer, TMC Aland Dist- Kalaburagi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 rules 2000 through E-Procurement Portal in two cover system using KW-4 document from Class-III and above contractors for SFC Special Grant 2022-23 Project TMC Aland Kalaburagi District works as detailed below:-

1) Description of Work : CONSTRUCTIONS OF SAMUDAY BHAVAN IN WNO 6 BHARAT NAGAR, NEAR CHAKRAKATTI, IN WNO-3, IN SULTANPUR GALLI, IN WNO-4 JAIN SAMUDAY BHAVAN AND IN WNO-16 SAMUDAY BHAVAN IN ALAND TOWN UNDER SFC SPECIAL GRANT 2022-23 **DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT148721,** Amount put to Tender : Rs. 10694111.01, EMD Amount (Rs. In lakhs) : 2.04

2) Description of Work : REPAIRS TO BRIDGE IN BETWEEN RTO CROSS TO DEGREE COLLEGE ROAD,DEGREE COLLEGE TO KOUSAR NAYAK TANDA ROAD AND DEGREE COLLEGE TO HUNMAN TEMPLE ROAD IN ALAND TOWN **DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT148717,** Amount put to Tender : 45,39,559.82, EMD Amount (Rs. In lakhs) : 1.13, 3) Class of Contractor : Class-III & Above, 4) Period of Completion : 06 Months from the date of award

Contractors can download and submit the tenders from dated: 10.03.2023 through E-procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **17.03.2023 At 17.30 PM**, 2) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **17.03.2023 At 17.30 PM,** 3) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **20.03.2023 At 11.00 AM,** 4) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **24.03.2023 at 11.00 AM**

Postponement of Calender of events (or if any information is only published through e-Procurement portal only) and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Chief Officer, TMC Aland.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1462/MC&A/2022-23

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ನಿಗಮದ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ವಸಾಹತುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಮಳಿಗೆ/ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಯಥಾಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಆಸಕ್ತ ಉದ್ಯಿಮೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

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ನಿಗದಿತ ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗಮದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವಿಧ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಮಳಿಗೆ/ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳಾದ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ, ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಮೌಲ್ಯ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ ಮೊಬಲಗು, ಪರಿಶೀಲನಾ ಶುಲ್ಕ, ನೀಡಲಾಗುವ ಸಹಾಯಧನ, ಪ್ರವರ್ಗವಾರು ವಿವರ, ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಸಮಗ್ರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು (ಕೈ.ವ) / ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು(ಕೈವ) ಸಹಾಯಕ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು(ಸಮನ್ವಯ), (ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ) ರವರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಗಮದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.kssidc.co.in** ನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ, ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.04.2023 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆವಿಗೆ** ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರು(ಕೈವ) ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ/ಶಾಖಾ ಕಛೇರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex-1 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002

No:BBMP/Comm/PSR(G)/4074/2022-23 **FORM III** Date: 04.03.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following Area mentioned in the schedule below is required by The Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, for **Formation of Road from Gear School Road to Peripheral Ring Road Via Gunjur Palya, Varthuru** for Implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan-2015 for the width of 45.00 Mtrs.

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of Land / Building area surrendered and landowners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru East** Name of the Village: **Gunjuru**

Sy.No/ Khatha No.	Type of Land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the Land/ Plot & Extent in Sq.M		Boundaries of the Land / Plot				Building Details			Present Activity on Land/Building (Specify Specific activity such as Shop, Office, Factory, Apartment, Individual house etc.,	Market (guide -lines) value of the land Per Sq.M (in Rs.)	Name and address of the owner of the plot/Land for Which DRC is to be issued
	Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped	Approved Layout / developed Land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.M	Type of Construction & No.of Floors	Floor Area Ratio			
Sy No: 122/5A, BBMP Khata Sl No: 7555, Municipal No.369	Vacant Land			Converted BBMP A Khatha Land		4036.99 Sqm (1.00 Acre)		Sy No: 122/6	Sy No: 123	Sy No: 129	Sy .No.122/5B	Nill	Nill	Nill	Nill	35,000/- Per Sqm	1) Kaveramma W/o Lt. Gullappa 2) G Balakrishna S/o Lt. Gullappa 3) Cheluvaraj S/o Lt. Gullappa 4) Vivekananda S/o Lt. Gullappa 5) G K Jagadish S/o Kaverappa 6) G K Govindaiah S/o Kaverappa 7) Kaverappa S/o Lt. Koomappa Gunjur Village, Varhtur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru

Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Special Land Acquisition Officer,1st Floor, Room No.107, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560 002.

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

State reports first H3N2 influenza death

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

A person who died on March 1 in Alur taluk of Hassan district of Karnataka was infected with the H3N2 influenza virus that causes seasonal flu. This marks the first death of a person in Karnataka who was infected with the virus. The laboratory test of the samples collected from the 87-year-old person confirmed the infection on March 3, two days after his death. He had co-morbidities, like asthma and hypertension, said Dr. Shivashankar, the Surveillance Officer.

According to the District Health Officer of Hassan, Hire Gowda died due to the virus on March 1.

"It is confirmed that Hire Gowda, son of Halage Gowda, 82 years, died of H3N2 virus on March 1," said the District Health Officer of Hassan. The staff of the Health and Family Welfare Department collected samples from residents of the place where the death was reported. However, there was hardly anyone with symptoms, like fever. No other case of H3N2 had been detected in the district, the officer added.

Incidental finding

State Health Commissioner Randeep D said H3N2 is an incidental finding in the deceased.

"The patient had several comorbid conditions including renal issues and the death cannot be attributed to H3N2 alone. A death audit will be done and that will give us more clarity on the cause of death," he said.

No fresh cases of H3N2 have been reported in the area, said the Commissioner.

Cases in Karnataka

A total of 451 H3N2 cases have been reported in Karnataka from January 2 to March 5, 2023, according to data from National Institute of Virology. Karnataka has had 28 H3N2 cases from January 2 to March 10.

Congress decries 'premature' inauguration of expressway

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Congress launched a broadside against the BJP for the scheduled inauguration of the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway on Sunday on the grounds that it was being rushed through despite pending works that may take another 6 to 8 months for completion.

The former Public Works Minister H.C. Mahadevappa and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) spokesperson M. Lakshman told media persons here on Friday that civil works and underpasses are yet to be completed at many places.

As against 34 underpasses, only 22 are complete and against 12 overpasses only 6 have been completed, they said.

The initial cost of the project was ₹3,000 crore has now escalated and is likely to touch ₹12,000 crore, according to the Congress leaders.

Mr. Mahadevappa furnished records of the questions and answers provided in the Legislative Council about the progress of the road and said that it clearly indicates that the project was initiated during the period of the Congress. The project received in principle approval in 2014 and the State government took up land acquisition and provided other facilities, said Mr. Mahadevappa.

"The BJP has only carried forward the work started by the Congress which also deserves credit. Mr. Siddaramaiah as the then CM and myself as Public Works Minister transferred the road to NHAI which was approved by the then Union Minister for Surface Transport Oscar Fernandes. This highway is our dream project," claimed Mr. Mahadevappa.

Dubbing the expressway as a "killer" road, Mr.Lakshman claimed that at least 300 accidents have taken place in the last six months and there were dozens of deaths and attributed it to "unscientific planning and alignment" of the road. There is uneven surface at many places and posed a threat to fast moving vehicles, said Mr.Mahadevappa.

The Congress leaders inspected a stretch of the expressway near Mysuru and said that the service roads are incomplete and in many places there are no underpasses for long stretches of nearly 8 km and has made life difficult for local villagers to cross to the other side.

There are farmers who have land on the other side of the highway and they have to traverse 15 km, said Mr. Lakshman.

BJP mocks Cong. claim

Ridiculing Congress' claims that it initiated the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway project and staked credit for it, Mysuru MP Pratap Simha said here on Friday that he was prepared for a discussion on the subject with former Public Works Minister H.C. Mahadevappa.

Speaking to media persons Mr. Simha mocked at Congress claims that it was responsible for upgrading the highway to NHAI status and had secured in principle approval for the Expressway project.

Mr. Simha said upgradation of State highways to national highways was automatic once the passenger car units exceed a certain figure (10,000 PCUs).

The MP said though BJP has no presence in Mandya or old Mysuru region Mr. Modi has showered it with projects as he believed in the concept of "Sab Ka Saath Sab ka Vikas" and hence the BJP was bound to perform well in the elections in these areas.

BUSINESS CONNECT

A Business Initiative

Atrimed Plant Science :

A vast majority of Indian are not getting enough protien, which often leads to fatigue and illness. Although the most common vegetables and meat can provide protein, they are not enough to meet the body's needs. This has led to a rise in the popularity of protein supplements, which can help people get the protein they need to stay healthy and fit. Scientists at Atrimed Plant Science with over 30 years of experience have developed a protein powder that is not only good for human health but also for the environment. With 75g of protein per 100g, Plant Protein helop to boost immunity provide sustained energy, and maintain a healthy weight. Fortified with ancient Indian superfoods, the Plant Protein ensures good gut health. It contains no added sugars or preservatives and is easy to digest while being palatable at the same time.

"Eat Right Millet Mela"

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India- Southern region organized an "Eat Right Millet Mela" at Bengaluru, on Thursday (02.03.2023). The objective of the Mela was to sensitize the public towards the adoption of millets in their diet to commemorate the "International Year of Millets" (IYoM 2023), declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The Mela was held at Faculty of Hospitality Management and Catering Technology, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru and garnered a massive positive response from college students, millet entrepreneurs, state government agencies, NGOs and the public. Chief Guest for the event, Dr. Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Director, Indian Institute of Plantation Management emphasized the invaluable contribution of millets to eating safe, healthy and sustainable foods, the three main pillars of the Eat Right Movement of FSSAI. Dr. M Kannan, Deputy Director, FSSAI, Southern Region, in his special address spoke about the Eat Right Movement in India of FSSAI, embarked on the mission to transform the food culture of India and the role of millets in nutritional security. Sh. R Ravindra, General Manager, APEDA significance of millets and their value-added products as a cost effective and sustainable option in the current global scenario. Dr. Sundaravalli A, Convenor, NetProFAN, Bengaluru, delivered a key lecture on the immense nutritional benefits of millets. Prof. Abby Matthew, Dean, Hospitality Management and Catering Technology, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, and Mr. Harish Pant, Director Government Relations, Herbalife Nutrition India were the other dignitaries in the event. The event included a special yoga session and an 'Eat Right Talent Hunt' comprising interesting competitions like Mega Healthy Millet Cookery Contest, Rangoli competition, Poster presentation, Skit and Quiz competitions, witnessing enthusiastic participation of students from different colleges. Twenty stalls from distinguished Food Business Operators, State Government agencies and NGOs showcasing diverse millet-based products presented manifold possibilities of the inclusion of millets in the regular diet and was a major accomplishment of the mela.

Nu Hospitals :

Nagarjuna Group of Institutions (NGI) on the 26th of March NU Hospitals has been pioneering in Nephrology, Urology and Fertility (IVF) treatment over the last two decades. Its highly specialised experts are experienced in treating rare and complex conditions. Its Male and Female Fertility (IVF) specialists comprehensively support couples with heartfelt compassion in every step along their path to parenthood. A research-driven organisation, NU Hospitals, its clinical team and doctors regularly publish research articles in highly acclaimed medical journals. All branches of NU Hospitals are accredited by both the NABH and NABL. NU Hospitals is well known for sub-speciality treatment which includes Paediatric Urology, Renal Transplantation, Uro-Gynaecology, Uro-Oncology etc. Having robust subspecialty specific Nephrology and Urology teams at NU Hospitals has enabled us to provide path-breaking treatment for patients. NU Hospitals is one of the first few hospitals in India to add to its armoury the CMR Versius Surgical Robotic System recently to bring the benefits of minimal access surgery to all. NU Hospitals has branches at Rajajinagar and Padmanabhanagar - Bengaluru, Shivamogga, Ambur, Tamil Nadu and at Male, Maldives. NU Hospitals has received 'The Great Place to Work' certification, one of the few hospitals in India to have bagged the honour. For details, go to www.nuhospitals.com/www. nufertility.com or call: 080-46699999, 080- 42489999

Women plays greater role in NRM works implemented under MGNREGS :

Rural Development Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that the role of women in the creation of assets of natural resources in rural areas is very important. She was speaking at the inauguration of the program organized at the head office of Rural Development Commission on 8th March 2023 International Women's Day. Narega scheme has implemented many programs for rural women to lead a self-reliant life. Women are getting more assistance by establishing personal facilities, self-help societies, necessary financial assistance, and participating in natural resource development works. It is the first duty of all of us to identify such people and encourage them to be role models for others. Many programs have been launched to increase the participation of women in employment guarantee schemes to 60%. Necessary measures have been taken for the participation of women through Mahila Kayakotsava. He said that the role of women in the creation of significant assets of natural resources in the rural areas. E-Administration Director Shubha Kalyan, who participated as the chief guest, said that women should make use of every opportunity available in today's society and work hard for the society. Women are equal to men and women should take advantage of government schemes. Only then will an equal society be built, he said. In the program, women artisans and individual beneficiaries who have been given facilities under Narega scheme in various districts were felicitated. Senior officials and staff of the commission participated

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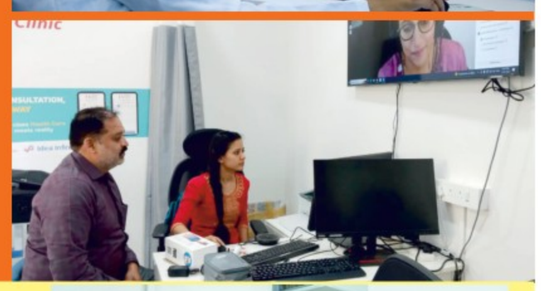
Inauguration of
Smart Virtual Clinic
and
Central Clinical Command Centre
by **Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai,** Hon'ble Chief Minister
Date: **11.03.2023**, Saturday at **2.00** PM | Venue: Ramaksrishna Hegde Seva Kendra, 1st Floor, Janata Bazaar Complex, Sadashiva Nagar, Bengaluru

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister



Features of Smart Virtual Clinic

- Examination through online by specialist Doctors using State-of-the-art equipment for all types of examination including Heart, Lungs, Eyes, Ear, etc.
- Advice/intimation by experienced doctors at the primary stage.
- Opportunity for experienced/specialist doctors in far away cities.
- Medical services at a fast pace without worries of waiting period.
- Critical Health Care facility if required.
- Excellent Free Services to the patients
- Excellent Health Care Infrastructure Management.
- Removal of pressure on Specialty and Super Specialty hospitals.
- Maximum use of available doctors, organized system for interaction between doctors and patients.

State-of-the-art equipment at Smart Virtual Clinic

- **Digital Stethoscope • Derma Scope**
- **ENT Examination Camera**
- **ECG • Sphygmomanometer**
- **Glucometer • X-Ray Scanner**
- **Fundus Retina, Eye Refraction Unit**

Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, IT&BT, Science and Technology, Skill Development inspecting the equipment at Smart Virtual Clinic.

Esteemed Presence
Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs
Sri M. Rajeev Chandrashekar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & Information Technology

Presided by
Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan
Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, IT-BT, Science & Technology, Skill Development

August Presence
Sri D.V. Sadananda Gowda
Hon'ble MP, Bengaluru North

Chief Guests

Sri R. Ashoka, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue
Sri V. Somanna, Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Infrastructure Development
Sri S.T. Somashekar, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation
Sri B.A. Basavaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development
Sri K. Gopalaiah, Hon'ble Minister for Excise
Sri N. Nagaraju (M.T.B.), Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Small Scale Industries
Sri N. Munirathna, Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture & Planning, Programme Monitoring & Statistics
Sri M. Satish Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Whip of Ruling Party in Legislative Assembly & MLA, Bommanahalli Constituency
Sri B.K. Hariprasad, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition Party in Legislative Council
Dr. Y.A. Narayana Swamy, Hon'ble Chief Whip of Ruling Party, Legislative Council

Sri S.R. Vishwanath, Hon'ble Chairman, Bangalore Development Authority & MLA, Yelahanka Constituency
Sri M. Krishnappa, Hon'ble Chairman, Okkaliga Development Corporation & MLA, Bengaluru South Constituency
Sri Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)
Sri Jaggesh, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)
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Dr. L. Hanumanthaiah, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)
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Sri Narayana Koragappa, Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha)
Sri Puttanna, Hon'ble MLC Teacher's Constituency (Bengaluru City)
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Sri H.S. Gopinath Reddy, Hon'ble MLC
Sri M. Nagaraju, Hon'ble MLC
Sri S. Keshava Prasad, Hon'ble MLC

Hearty Welcome to all Hon'ble Members of Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha, Hon'ble MLAs & MLCs of the City and General Public

Rakesh Singh, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, Urban Development Dept. GoK Administrator, BBMP & Chairman, Bengaluru Smart City Ltd.
Tushar Giri Nath, IAS, Chief Commissioner, BBMP
Dr. K.V. Trilok Chandra, IAS, Special Commissioner (Health), BBMP
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders for the following works are invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria. **This office Tender Notification No: 2602, Dated: 09-03-2023**. **(1)** Providing Water Supply Improvements to Sankeshwar town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3280/CALL-3. (2)** Providing Water Supply Improvements to Khanapur town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3297/CALL-2. (3)** Improvements of Water Supply Scheme to Ainapur Town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3300/CALL-2. (4)** Improvements of Water supply system to Examba Town under AMRUT 2.0 including Operation & Maintenance for a Period of 5 Years (Including 1 year DLP) through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation). **WORK_INDENT/3301/CALL-2.** For further information visit e-procurement portal Or the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may please be contacted.

Sd/-CHIEF ENGINEER,
DIPR/DWD/1234/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY **KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
5th Main Road, RHCS Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagar,
Nagarabhavi, Rajarajeshwarinagar Zone, Bengaluru - 560091.

No: BBMP/SADH/RRN/TEN/PR/234/2022-23 Date: 09-03-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone), BBMP, Bengaluru (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders in accordance with KTTP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/ Agencies/ Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department for Maintenance of Parks in Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category	Estimated Amount (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Maintenance of New Parks and Road Medians in Rajarajeshwari nagar Constituency **- (Others)**	**18,23,100/-**	**22,789/-**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 11-03-2023. 2)** Date of Tender Closing: **17-03-2023 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **18-03-2023 at 11.30 AM. 4)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **21-03-2023 at 11.30 AM (if possible).** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, BBMP.

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur

Office of The Executive Engineer,

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur,
No.55/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/JJM/AE-1&2/3991/2022-23
Date: 06.03.2023

Short-term Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the One and Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through E-Procurement mode through portal .http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from Class-III & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of Kunigal of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.17.45 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs 42,260/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.193.87 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs 2,90,810/-)

Particulars & Details : (1) Last date of submit bids on e-portal : **27.03.2023** Upto 17.00 Hours. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3 works): Date: **20.03.2023** at 11.00 A M Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. **(3)** Technical and Financial bis Opening of Bids: **28.03.2023** at 17.30 PM onwards **(4)** Financial Opening of Bids (KW-3 works): **31.03.2023** at 11.00 AM onwards. For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executve Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/1092/KSMCA/2022-23

ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)
ಎಕ್ಸಿಕ್ಯೂಟಿವ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ನಂ.6 ಹೇಮಾವತಿ ಎಡದಂಡೆ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ,
ಪಾಂಡವಪುರ. ಮಂಡ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ:8/2022–23/
ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.03.2023. – (ಒಂದು ಮತ್ತು ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಇವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ KW-1 & KW-4 ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ (ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2016ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ 4 & 2 ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 28 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ & ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 3 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 31 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ , ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ (ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ) ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ: (1) ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.03.2023** ರಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.03.2023 12.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.** (2) ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗುವ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:17.03.2023ರ 12.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ,** (3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಪಡೆದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.03.2023ರ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ** ನಂತರ ಅಥವಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು, ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ನಂ.6, ಹೇ.ಎ.ದ.ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾ.ನೀ.ನಿ.ನಿ. ಪಾಂಡವಪುರ.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಜ/ಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/780/2022–23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL SBC O&M Division
Khanapur. Tq: Shahapur Dist: Yadgiri Email Id: kbjnleesbc2@gmail.com

NO.KBJNL/SBC/O&M/Divn/Kpur/Tender/B'flank/PB/2022-23/1008Dated08-03-2023

TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1

(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

Ref:-This office Short term tender notification No.935,936 & 937,dated:20.02. 2023.

Due to technical reasons and unavoidable circumstances the calendar of events for the tender invited for Indent Nos. 24162, 24167 & 24170, vide above references are extended as listed below.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS PUT TO E- TENDERING

1) The last date & time for submission of electronic documents through e-portal On date:14.03.2023 upto 04.00 PM. 2) Date & time for opening of electronic document first (Technical bid) On dated:15.03.2023 @ 05.00 PM. 3) The electronic document second (financial bid) of pre-qualified contractor will opened on On dated: 16.03.2023 @ 05.00 PM or After approval of Technical bid. 4) For more information contact details:Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, SBC O&M Division, Khanapur of Shahapur Taluka, Yadgir Dist. 5) Websitehttp://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Other terms and conditions as mentioned in the tender notification remains unchanged.

NOTE:- Further information may be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours or from http:www.eprocurement.Karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL,SBC O&M Division,
DIP/Yadgiri/519/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23 **Khanapur.**

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C)
IDCO, IDCO TOWERS, JANPATH, BHUBANESWAR - 751022

IDCO/H.O./P&C/EST/E-2036/01/2023 (Pt-1) 7380 dated : 09.03.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

1. Name of the Work : Selection of Authority's Engineer for "Construction of Utility Corridor (60m RoW) between Gopalpur Port and TATA Steel SEZ on EPC Mode at Gopalpur, Ganjam District, Odisha"
2. Consultancy Period : During Construction period - 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months. During DLP and O&M period -120 (One hundred twenty) Calendar Months including DLP 60 months.
3. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid ID/Tender reference No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO Towers, Bhubaneswar.	Bid ID /Tender Reference No. P&C/EST/E-170/2022-23	18.03.2023 at 17.00 Hrs.	08.04.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs.

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and Corrigendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** and **www.idco.in.**

CAD-5104 **Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar**
OIPR-14003/11/0323/2223

DIRECTORATE OF AVIATION , GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Directorate of Aviation, Odisha wishes to fill in existing vacancies and maintain a wait-list for vacancies arising in future. Indian Nationals (Male) who meet the requirements stipulated herein may apply for following posts on ***Fixed Term Contract Basis*** which may be renewed subject to their performance and as per the requirement.
- Number of vacancies given below is indicative and may vary as per operational requirements.

Sl. No.	Post	No. of Vacancies	Essential Educational Qualification and Experience
1.	Accountable Executive	2	• Retired State Government / Central Government employee/ Ex-Service Men/ Retired Airports Authority of India (AAI) Personnel • At least **10 years** of work experience in Airport Management / Aviation Sector. • Must have Graduation or Diploma / Degree in Engineering from a recognised university.
2.	Terminal Manager	2	
3.	Safety Manager	2	

Salary : **Accountable Executive : Rs.50,000/-** per month + **Rs.10,000/-** towards conveyance and accommodation charges

Terminal Manager & Safety Manager : Rs.40,000/- per month + **Rs.10,000/-** towards conveyance and accommodation charges

Place of Posting : Jeypore Airport (Koraput) and Utkela Airport (Kalahandi)

General Instructions :

- Interested candidates are required to submit their detailed CVs on the address mentioned below through Speed Post / Registered Post with covering letter, self-attested copies of degree/certificates, experience certificates in Airport Management/ Aviation Sector, other achievements and two recent passport size photographs within **31.03.2023** in a sealed envelope.
- Candidates can also submit their CVs alongwith documents mentioned above through Email to **transcivilaviation@gmail.com** within **31.03.2023**.
- Application after due date shall not be entertained.
- Only short listed candidates will be contacted for Interview.
- Any effort made to influence the recruitment and selection process may disqualify the potential candidate.
- Director of Aviation, Odisha reserves the right to increase/decrease or stop recruitment process without assigning any reason.

ADDRESS:-

Directorate of Aviation, Government of Odisha, Old Terminal Building, B.P.I. Airport, Bhubaneswar, Pin- 751020.
E-mail:- transcivilaviation@gmail.com

Officer On Special Duty,
J-19: **Directorate of Aviation, Bhubaneswar.**
OIPR-12136/11/0002/2223

Government of Karnataka

(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

Tender Notification (Through e-procurement)

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/TS/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/3044 **Date: 09.03.2023**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

Indent Nos: **1) 43674,2) 60074, 3) 60433, 4) 60432, 5) 60431, 6) 60429, 7) 60420, 8) 60428, 9) 57996, 10) 58178. 11) 60064, 12) 59922, 13) 59920, 14) 59896, 15) 59943, 16) 60010, 17) 60057, 18) 59506, 19) 59995, 20) 59518, 21) 60073, 22) 60060, 23) 59522, 24) 60055, 25) 599 84, 26) 59981 27) 60014, 28) 59978, 29) 59476, 30) 59501, 31) 59505. 32) 59519, 33) 59471, 34) 59513, 35) 60000, 36) 59990, 37) 47725, 38) 54504, 39) 54909, 40) 54907, 41) 54905, 42) 54546, 43) 54735, 44) 54875, 45) 54499, 46) 59811, 47) 53503, 48) 54911, 49) 54913, 50) 55625, 51) 55569, 52) 55567, 53) 55565, 54) 55573, 55) 55578, 56) 59774, 57) 59780, 58) 59784, 59) 60530. 60) 60531, 61) 55369,62) 55641.63) 53484, 64) 53491, 65) 53493. 66) 54557, 67) 59867, 68) 59869, 69) 59869. 70) 59873, 71) 60581, 72) 60582.**

Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only.

Few conditions of the tender :

(1) The last date for receipt of tenders from contractors : **13.03.2023, 15.03.2023, 16.03.2023** upto **5.30** PM. **(2)** Date of opening of Single Cover Financial bid: **15.03.2023, 17.03.2023, 18.03.2023,** at **11.30** A.M **(3)** Date of opening of Double Cover Financial bid : **15.03.2023, 17.03.2023, 18.03.2023,** at **11.30** AM. **(4)** Date of opening of Double Cover Technical bid : **17.03.2023, 19.03.2023,** at **11.30** A M.

(5) Specified time period for completion of works: Single cover : **3/6** months **(90/180** days).

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.
DIPR/SMG/No.86/Zenkar/2022-23

Govt of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/9953 Date: 09-03-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Name of Work: Executive Engineer PWD Division Invites tender for the (08) Works under KKRDB for indent No. 165918, 163283, 165312, 167287, 164705, 165711, 165712, 162076 Call-3, 2) Estimate cost: **Min Rs 60.00 Lakhs Max Rs. 356.25 Lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class III, II & above, 4) EMD AMOUNT : Min Rs.102000.00 Max Rs.453000.00 5) Pre bid Meeting:**15.03.2023 (11.00 Hrs),** 6) Last date for queries : **16.03.2023 (17.30 Hrs)** 7) Last date for Submission of bid: **17.03.2023 (16.00 Hrs),** 8) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **18.03.2023 (16.30 Hrs),** 9) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **20.03.2023 (11.30 Hrs)** 10) Enquiries : Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division Kalaburagi, 11) Note: GST Will be Paid Separately, 12) Website: **www.e-proc.Karnatak.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1451/MC&A/2022-23 **PWD Division Kalaburagi**

Government of Karnataka

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA.

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-113:2022-23: Dated:- 09.03.2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through e-Procurement Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work: Two cover System:Head of Account 3054-03-102-0-01-200 SH Bridge: 1) CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AND CULVERT AT KM 331.30, KM 332.40 AND KM 335.40 IN KUMATA-KODUMADAGI (SH-48) OF CHALLAKERE TALUK (W.I. 166922). Estimate Cost : Rs. 200.00 Lakhs.

Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: 16.03.2023 Time 17:30. Last Date & time for receipt of tenders: 17.03.2023 Time 16:00. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid: 18.03.2023 Time 16:15. Date & time for opening of Financial Bid: 20.03.2023 Time 11:00.

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

RO No. 1131: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.NLBC Division, Rodalabanda-584127
Tq.Lingasugur Dist.Raichur email:kbjnlnlbc4@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/NLBC/PB/2022-23/2582 Date :-02.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-tendering only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NLBC Division, Rodalabanda invites percentage tenders in two cover system from eligible KPWD Civil Class-I & above registered Contractors (Total 7 Nos.of works) as detailed in the short term Tender Notification published in e-procurement portal viz http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The Intending tenderers may download the tender document through e-procurement portal viz., http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in.from 07.03.2023 to 15.03.2023 @ 4.00 PM. The technical bid will be opened on 16.03.2023 @ 5.00 PM and Further details can be obtained from this office in any working days during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KBJNL NLBC Division,
DIP/Raichur/724/K.S.M.C&A/2022-23 **Rodalbanda**

Government of Karnataka
ZILLA PANCHAYAT BELAGAVI

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, CHIKODI

Office Phone No.: 08338-272131, E-mail : preckdee@gmail.com

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

No.: PRE/CKD/Db/e-pro/2022-23/7871 Date : 04-03-2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, State, Item Rate (Technical bids and Financial bids through E-mode), E-Bids are invited for the following works through standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3, KW-4, (Standard Tender Document) from the eligible contractors, registered in P.R.E. / P.W.D. Department & with E-procurement registration Bangalore, on **"turn-key",** basis only.

1)	Last date of request for issue of blank E-bid document through e-Procurement Date : Other works	**04-03-2023 TO 17-03-2023**
2)	Bid Closing & Submission Date : Other works	**17-03-2023 AT 4:00 PM**
3)	Financial Bid Opening Date	**15-03-2023 AT 11:00 AM**
4)	Pre Bid Meeting Date : (KW-3 only)	**18-03-2023 at 11:00 AM**
5)	Technical Bid Opening Date : (KW-3 only)	**18-03-2023 at 11:00 AM**
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ADDENDUM
(This Office Tender Notification No. 2746 Date : 01-03-2023)

(Through E-Procurement only)

Modified Conditions for the above Tender Notification are as follows

Tender Condition Serial No	Specification as per Tender Notification	As modified Specification (Now read as)
Pre-Qualification Criteria: (for Individual bidders / Joint Venture Bidding 4.5 a) P. No. 13 of DRAFT TENDER SCHEDULE	The intending Bidder (Individual / JV) / Tie-up partner should have supplied and successfully commissioned at least 3 numbers of VT pumps with a capacity (flow rate) not less than 1.44 cumecs for each pump with a head not less than 100.0 mtrs for each pump during the last 5 years (i.e., from 2017-18 to 2021-22). The necessary work done certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and countersigned by the Superintending Engineer of the same circle should be uploaded.	The intending Bidder (Individual / JV) / Tie-up partner should have supplied and successfully commissioned at least 3 numbers of VT pumps with a capacity (flow rate) not less than 0.48 cumecs for each pump with a head not less than 100.0 mtrs for each pump during the last 5 years (i.e., from 2017-18 to 2021-22). The necessary work done certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and countersigned by the Superintending Engineer of the same circle should be uploaded.
Pre-Qualification Criteria: (for Individual bidders / Joint Venture Bidding 4.5 c) P. No. 13 & 14 of DRAFT TENDER SCHEDULE	The intending Bidder (Individual / JV) / Tie-up partner should have executed in any one year, the following minimum quantities of work (usually 80% of the peak annual rate of construction) during the last 5 years (i.e., from 2017-18 to 2021-22). The necessary work done certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and countersigned by the Superintending Engineer of the same circle should be uploaded. 3) Reinforcement steel bars for RCC works - 50 Mt 4) Structural Steel-600 Mt	The intending Bidder (Individual / JV) / Tie-up partner should have executed in any one year, the following minimum quantities of work (usually 80% of the peak annual rate of construction) during the last 5 years (i.e., from 2017-18 to 2021-22). The necessary work done certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer and countersigned by the Superintending Engineer of the same circle should be uploaded. 3) Reinforcement steel bars for RCC works - 50 Mt 4) - Deleted -

Further Details are remains unchanged in the above Tender Notification

Sd/- Executive Engineer
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Finding young homeowners

Aged 25-35, these buyers make informed decisions and prioritise quality of life, accessibility to amenities and WFH features. By **Sujatha Shankar Kumar**

HOME PURCHASE

A new breed of young millennials and older Gen Z are buying homes and it seems they are coming well-prepared. The Swiggy-Uber-Instagram generation is not only anticipating their future needs for a home, they are educating themselves on homebuying, the best interest rates and ideal neighbours. Driven by technology, they use social media to their benefit and keep an eye out for clean over-the-counter deals and sustainable living features. They are happy to move to peripheral zones of metros, to afford bigger and better spaces. Quality of life, accessibility to amenities and the space to work from home are central concerns.

A house for Nilu Thapa

A house is something one yearns for and earns for. It was no different for social media influencer Nilu Thapa, 34, better known by her provocative Instagram handle Big Hair Loud Mouth. A native of Darjeeling, Thapa stayed back in Bengaluru after her college to make the city her home. In 2020, 15 years later, she took the bold step to put a good chunk of her savings into her dream home. "The thought of buying a home did not strike me till COVID happened. That's when I felt insecure, and I thought I needed a roof over my head so no landlord can throw me out." Thapa intentionally stayed away from the heart of the city, which is overcrowded. Instead, she bought a 3BHK apartment in a north side township, an area she feels familiar with, 20 minutes from Kammanahalli.

However, the process was arduous. Getting a home loan was not easy as she runs her own firm and IT employees are preferred. Additionally, the paperwork and handover from the builder took a year and a half. She designed the apartment to her specific requirements, which is now equipped to shoot limited content for her social media, and houses her extensive wardrobe as a fashion influencer. Thapa is proud of her achievement, especially as a woman, to have bought and completely designed her own home, complete with statement kitchen. Thapa believes that thanks to real estate prices soaring post-pandemic, her generation would prefer renting over buying.

Shapers of property ecosystems

"Millennials in particular understand that it's very important to have a space for themselves," says Saurabh Vohara, CEO and founder of ALYF, a smart ownership platform for holiday homes. He points out several rising trends.

New job opportunities and Employee Stock Ownership Plans have increased wealth creation, and with technology accelerating processes, millennials consider real estate a major investment. The younger generation looks for larger homes, preferring a 2BHK or a 1.5 BHK, with the intention of working from home.

Millennials desire structured information and pricing, and developers are now invested in doing clean deals, where the costs are clear and no cash is involved. The entire search pattern has changed and, from discovery and shortlisting, much of the journey is online till the site visit and closure. "Overall, the ecosystem is getting evolved and has become a lot more structured and streamlined. Cities are also growing to support peripheral areas with better infrastructure development, road and Metro connectivity. Millennials do not mind travelling. They come from Tier-II cities to settle on the outskirts of Tier-1 cities," says Vohara.

ANAROCK, a real estate consulting firm, has published studies showing the increasing percentages of Gen Z (18-25 years old) and millennials (26-41) who prefer buying over renting.

ANAROCK's surveys indicate that 33% of the total property seekers were aged within 25-35 years.

Hyderabad and Pune had the highest number of property seekers in this category, at 55% and 45% respectively. The typical budget for mid- and premium-segment properties is in the range of ₹40 lakh to ₹1.5 crore, and luxury properties from ₹1.5 to ₹2.5 crore.

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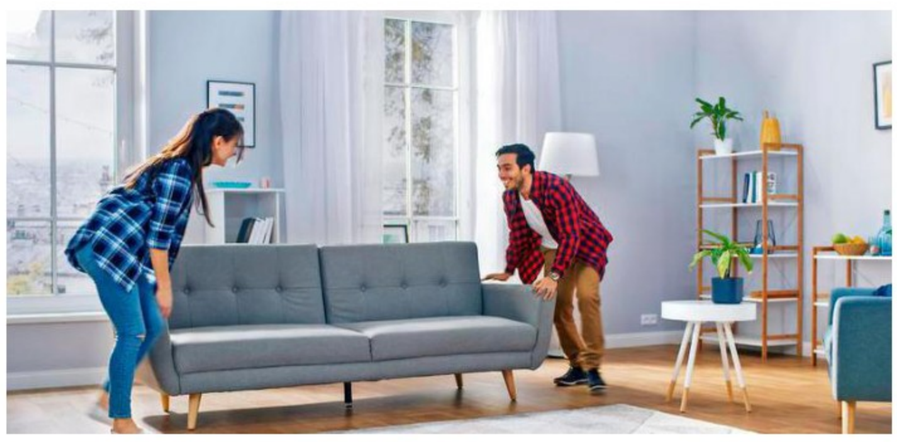

"Developers are keenly aware of the importance of this new customer segment and go out of their way to accommodate them in every respect, increasingly ramping up health and lifestyle-related amenities to cater to the millennial mindset," says Anuj Puri, Chairman, ANAROCK Group.

"They have also been paying heed to the needs and aspirations of tech-savvy millennials by adding more smart home features and an overall tech-enabled environment. Apartments are being configured for home offices and e-schooling rooms. The market is now catering squarely to millennial homebuyers, and doing everything it can to ease their homeownership journey."

Room for socialising

The regular office made a hasty exit during and post pandemic, ushering work-from-home scenarios with millennials driving this mindset. "If the hermetic 9-to-5 office dies, I really have no problem as an urban designer," declares Mukul Arora, Principal, DADA & Partners. Arora, who was the lead master planner for the award-winning project Godrej Riverhills (a mixed-use waterfront neighbourhood in Mahalunge, Pune) talks about the evolution of urban design.

"In early 2000s USA, the term 'cappuccino urbanism' sprung up, which referred to city development happening around coffee shops. We had, until then, been segregating cities as marketplaces, places of work and bedroom communities. The city experience is once again changing. There's always been talk about brick-and-mortar stores dying out and the virtual world becoming more important. Yet, millennials like socialising and desire multiple 'go-to' places and urban amenities. It's taken us nearly 100 years to realise that mixed use is important. Millennials enjoy this healthy and inclusive way of life. They care about sustainability and align with these 'urban' values," says Arora.

Influencer advantage

When ALYF launched holiday home shares with a budget of ₹13 lakh per share (each apartment had eight shares) in Goa, their product was sold within two months. Of the buyers, 33% were millennials, a very encouraging number, says Vohara.

"This is a big influencer category, and they are extremely well connected. If they buy, their friends and parents will buy. They understand finances, how to manage money and the power of compounding. The most important thing is their predictability in the way they think."

Companies should focus on group bookings and organise financial options as the younger generation is much more open to loans and EMIs, says Vohara. "Typically they would do 80% finance and 20% down payments, with a 15 or 20-year home loan."

They also enjoy working with professionals. Delhi architect Anshul Kapoor, 32, is on the verge of completing a family home, where the 28-year-old son is the primary client. "His parents gave him the mandate to make all decisions, and he gave me complete freedom to design."

While the older generation tends to be particular and garner many opinions, Kapoor says the young generation takes time to pick the right architect, but trusts their professional decisions. If the prospect of homeownership seems daunting for many, perhaps one should let some of these early buyers show us how it's done.

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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತಿ ಹಕ್ಕು 1964 ರಡಿ 17(1)(2)ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ)

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕರಾಪ್ರಾಹಯೋ/ಯೋಘಪ್ರಾ/ಸಾಭೂ/ಪಶ್ಚಿ-01/2021-22 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 08.03.2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ತನ್ನ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕೂಪ/ಇ/ಇ-127/ಪ್ರಾಒ/2021 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.03.2023 ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತಿ ಹಕ್ಕು ನಿಯಮಗಳು, 1964 ರ ನಿಯಮ 3 ರಡಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **ಕಪ್ರಾಹ 85 ಪಶ್ಚಿ ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 2 (ಪ್ರಾಸಾಧಿಯಿಂದ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು)** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿಸಿದ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಘಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಹಕ್ಕು 1964ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತಿ ಹಕ್ಕು ನಿಯಮಗಳ 17(1)(2)ರ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಾದ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕುಮಟಾ/ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. (ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 08162278493)ದಿನದ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಅಂಚೆ ಮೂಲಕ) ತಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕು ಚ್ಯುತಿಯನ್ವಯ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು ಬಾರದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಹಕ್ಕು ಚ್ಯುತಿಯಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯು ಅಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ತಪ್ಪಾಗಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಕೋರಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ಅನಧಿಕೃತವಾಗಿ ಸಾಗುವಳಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರೆ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪರಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರೆ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಅಥವಾ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಪರಿಹಾರ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರೆ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಅಥವಾ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸಕ್ಷಮ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಪರಿಹಾರ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ಅನಧಿಕೃತವಾಗಿ ಸಾಗುವಳಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರೆ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪರಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರೆ

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(PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT.)

No. PWD/BGM/TND/TA/AE/2022-23/9660 Date:09.03.2023

-: ITEM RATE TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT):-

The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi invites item rate tenders from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement portal in Public Works Department under KW- 1, 2, 3 & 4 Standard tender documents for a total of 38 works under 8443-Deposit works, 8443-Deposit works(MADP) 3054-SH Maitenance,, 3054-MDR Maitenance, 5054- SH Impts , 5054- MDR Impts , 5054-SH Bridge Impts, 2059-PW Building Maitenance, 5054-SCP and 3054-SCP with maximum & minimum tender amounts of Rs. 559.60 Lakhs & Rs 8.31 Lakhs respectively and. maximum & minimum EMD amounts of Rs. 8,39,400/- & 17,000/- respectively. Part-1:Tender receipt Date is on 18-03-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Tender Opening Date is on 20-03-2023 after 4.45 PM, Part-2:Tender receipt Date is on 18-03-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Technical Bid Opening Date is on 20-03-2023 after 4.45 PM and Part-3:Tender receipt Date is on 21-03-2023 upto 4.30 PM and Technical Bid Opening Date is on 23-03-2023 after 4.45 PM For more information contact the office of the undersigned and www.eproc.karnataka gov.in after 10.03.2023.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Depatment. Belagavi Dn. Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-2009/KSMCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:SEE/WMC/TKR/6393-95 Date: 09.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement portal for the following works **on Partial Turnkey Basis**:

(1) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/Enq-36/Dtd: 09.03.2023 for Providing additional 1x8MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer at 66/11KV substation **Honnenahalli** in Tumakuru Taluk.

(2) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/Enq-37/Dtd: 09.03.2023 for Providing additional 1x8MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer at 66/11KV substation **Nandihalli Cross** in Gubbi Taluk.

(3) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/Enq-38/Dtd: 09.03.2023 for Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer at 110/11KV substation **Karadi** in Tiptur Taluk.

(4) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/Enq-39/Dtd: 09.03.2023 for Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer at 110/11KV substation **Karegodi** in Tiptur Taluk.

(5) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr(W&M)/TKR/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-1/Enq-40/Dtd: 09.03.2023 for Providing additional 1x10MVA, 110/11KV Power Transformer at 110/11KV substation **Gungarumale** in Tiptur Taluk.

The detailed information regarding enquiry in e-Procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink e-Procurement or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.03.2023** and other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec.)
Transmission (W&M), Circle, KPTCL, Siddaganga Complex, B.H. Road, Tumakuru-2.

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Chief Medical Officer, Taluk General Hospital, Challakere.

No.: T.G.H.(C)N.C.T./2/2022-23 Date: 07.03.2023

Short-Term e-Tender Notice

2nd Call (in Two Cover System)

e-Tender is invited in the name of Chief Medical Officer, Taluk General Hospital, Challakere from well known registered firms for managing services of non-clinical and Group D services for the year 2023-24. e-Tender forms can be downloaded from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 07.03.2023 to 16.03.2023 and last date for submission in website: 16.03.2023 up to 5.00 PM and date of opening Technical Bid:17.03.2023 at 11.00 AM. In case Govt. Holiday is declared on the dates for online uploading, Downloading and opening, the next day will be considered. Further details can be obtained from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/1116/2022-23 Sd/- Chief Medical Officer,

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur,
No.53/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/JJM/AE-1&2/3962/2022-23
Date: 03.03.2023

Short-term Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the One and Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through E-Procurement mode through portal. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from Class-III & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of Madhugiri, Turuvekere, Koratagere, Gubbi, Sira and Kunigal of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.6.35 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.15878/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.259.28 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.3,88,920/-)

Particulars & Details : (1) Last date of submit bids on e-portal : **23.03.2023** Upto 17.00 Hours. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3 works): Date: **20.03.2023** at 11.00 A M Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. **(3)** Technical and Financial bis Opening of Bids: **24.03.2023** at 17.30 PM onwards **(4)** Financial Opening of Bids (KW-3 works): **29.03.2023** at 11.00 AM onwards. For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executve Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Tumkur.

DIPR/TUM/1082/KSMCA/2022-23

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ

ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚನ್ನಪಟ್ಟಣ ಟೌನ್, ರೈಲ್ವೇ ಸ್ಟೇಷನ್ ಎದುರು ಮೇದರ ಬೀದಿ ಮನೆ ನಂ. 14ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಸಿ. ರಂಗರಾಜುರವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಿ. ಹದ್ದರವರ ಇರಾದೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ...

ಪೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಮೂಲತಃ ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚನ್ನಪಟ್ಟಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ವಿರುಪಾಕ್ಷಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಲೇಟ್ ಮರೀಗೌಡರ ಮಗ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಎಂ. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶೋಭ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಸ್ವಾಗತ್‌ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್, ಶ್ರೀ ರವಿಗೌಡ ಕೆ.ಎಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇವರ ತಾಯಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಣ್ಣಮ್ಮನವರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಸ್ವತ್ತಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇವರುಗಳಿಂದ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಿ. ಹದ್ದ ಆದ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದಾಗಿ ಈ ಸಂಗತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತರಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರು ಬಾಧಕ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಹಕ್ಕುದಾರರು ಆಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅಥವಾ ಉತ್ತರಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಆ ಸಂಬಂಧ ದಾಖಲೆ ಸಮೇತ ನಮಗೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಾದ 15 ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಕರಾರು ಬಾರದೇ ಇದ್ದ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ತರಹದ ಹಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಕ್ರಯದಾರರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ನಂತರ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಕರಾರು ಮಾಡುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡಂತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಯುವುದು.

ಪೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ : ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚನ್ನಪಟ್ಟಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ವಿರುಪಾಕ್ಷಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕೊಂಡಾಪುರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಹಳೆ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 13, ಹೊಸ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 13/2 ರಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 01–16 ಗುಂಟೆ ತೆಂಗಿನ ತೋಟದ ಖುಷ್ಕಿ ಜಮೀನಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಪೈಕಿ 01–00 ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನನ್ನು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿರುವ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ **ಚತುಃಬಂದಿ–ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ**: ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, **ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ**: ಇದೇ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉಳಿಕೆ ಜಮೀನು, **ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ**: ತೋಟದ ತಿಮ್ಮೇಗೌಡರ ಮಗ ರಾಜುರವರ ಜಮೀನು, **ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ** : ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 16ರ ಜಮೀನು.

ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಇರುವ ಪೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುತ್ತದೆ.

ಜಿ.ಕೆ. ಕೆಂಪರಾಜು, ಬಿ.ಎ., ಎಲ್.ಎಲ್.ಬಿ. ವಕೀಲರು
ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಬಿಲ್ಡಿಂಗ್, ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚನ್ನಪಟ್ಟಣ 562160
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Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division,Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of **04** work of total amount of Rs **-517.00** Lakh (Min estimate amount: **Rs. 5.00** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount: **500.00** Lakhs) for the Different Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW- 1 &4 through e-procurement. - http:// www. eproc. Karnataka. gov.in/(a) Last Date for Clarification upto :14-03-2023, (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders :- 17-03-2023 (c) Opening of Technical / Financial Bid Date:- 18-03-2023 d) Opening of Financial Bid Date:-20-03-2023

Work Indent No:- 153423 167224 167221 167290

The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.

GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.W.D .Division, Gadag.

Dipr/Gadag/749/2022-23/DeshpandePublicity

Government of Karnataka
Executive Engineer,
RDW&S, Division, Mysore

Short Term Tender Notification No: 46/2022-23
Dated: 06.03.2023

Short Term Tender Notification is as below

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders (Two Cover System) has been called for the following Tender works Under Rate Tender, as per Tender Documents and as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement Dt: 08.03.2023, 11:00 AM onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is 15.03.2023 upto 4.00 PM, Opening of Technical bid 16.03.2023 at 5.00PM onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Government registered class 2, 3, 4 & above Civil as per KW-3 & KW-4 tender documents are eligible to participate in the tender process for 21 work in Mysuru taluk & 04 Package Works, 02 single works, 01 O&M works in T Narasipura taluk & 07 works in H.D.Kote Taluk, 01 work in Hunsur Taluk, (Amount put to tender starts from Rs.50.94 lakhs to Rs.413.00 Lakhs) & pre bid meeting is on 10.03.2023 at 11.00am for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Portal No.1/1 Sun Beam Building Eagle Street Long ford road, Long ford town Bangalore-560025 Tel. Phone No 080-22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460495

Sd/- Executive Engineer , RDW&S, Division, Mysore

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1168/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Mandya Division, Mandya, Phone: 08232-222363, email:eerwsmdy@gmail.com

No:EE/RDW&SD/MDY/JJM TENDER22-23/2022-23/3130 Dated:09.03.2023

1.Short term Tender Notification NO-07/2022-23 (Two Cover System) 5th Call
2.Short term Tender Notification NO-12/2022-23 (Two Cover System) 5th Call
3.Short term Tender Notification NO-16/2022-23 (Two Cover System) 4th Call
4.Short term Tender Notification NO-18/2022-23 (Two Cover System) 3rd Call
(e-procurement portal)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The E.E, R.D.W & S Division, Mandya invited tender for Providing FHTCs Works in Mandya, Srirangapattna & Pandvapura Tq in Mandya District from eligible bidders. Pre-Bid Meeting **Dt:14.03.2023 Time:11:00 AM(Place:O/O EE, RDWSD, Mandya),** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **16.03.2023 Time :05:30 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening:**17.03.2023 Time:05:35 PM** . Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening:**25.03.2023 Time:11:00 AM.** Amount Put to tender Maximum: **Rs.285.76 Lakhs.** More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or from this office during working hours.Phone No: 08232-222363.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya

DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMCA/784/2022-23

	ಸೈಯದ ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್, ಫೌಜಿಯಾತಾಜ್ ಕೋಂ ಸೈಯದ್‌ಜಾನ್, ಶಾಹತಾಜ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೈಯದ್‌ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್, ಸೈಯದ್ ಸಫೀರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಸೈಯದ್‌ಅಹಮ್ಮದ್, ಮೋಸಿನ್ ತಾಜ್ ಕೋಂ ಸೈಯದ್ ಸಫೀರ್, ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ಪದ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ ಉ..ಮರಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ರಾಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹನುಮಯ್ಯ, ಉ..ಮರಿ ಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ಶಾಂತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ರಾಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ಪದ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಹನುಮಮ್ಮ ಉ..ಮರಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ರಾಜಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹನುಮಮ್ಮ ಉ..ಮರಿ, ಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ಶಾಂತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ರಾಮಣ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ, ಶಿವಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ರಾಮಣ್ಣ, ಭಾರತಿ ಕೋಮ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ, ತನುಜ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ, ಶೈಲ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ, ಅಂಬುಜ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ, ರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್‌ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ, ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ಚನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್‌ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ಜಯಲಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಮಾಯಣ್ಣ, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ನಾಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ಇಂದ್ರಮ್ಮ ಲೇಟ್‌ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಶಿವರಾಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ಜಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಶಿವರಾಮಯ್ಯ, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ಶಕುಂತಲ ಕೋಮ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಯ್ಯ, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ಎಮ.ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್, ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಚಂದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀದೇವಿ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಚಂದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.ನಯನ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಸುರೇಶ, ಡಿ.ಎಸ್.ಪ್ರಜ್ವ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಡಿ.ಕೆ.ಸುರೇಶ, ರತ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್‌ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪ, ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೆಂಪಯ್ಯ ಚನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್‌ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ಶಾರದಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಕುಂಟಯ್ಯ, ಇರ್ಷಾದ್‌ಅಹ್ಮದ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಅಬ್ದುಲ್ ನಜೀರ್, ಅಕ್ತರ್‌ಉನ್ನೀಸ್ ಕೋಂ ಇರ್ಷಾದ್‌ಅಹ್ಮದ್, ನೀಲಮ್ಮ ಉ..ಲೀಲಾವತಿ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಚ್.ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್, ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್, ಹೆಚ್.ಹೆಚ್. ಶಿವಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಹೊನ್ನಪ್ಪ, ಭಗ್ಯಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹೆಚ್.ಹೆಚ್. ಶಿವಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ರಾಮಣ್ಣ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ				
13.	ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮರಿರಾಜಣ್ಣ ಭೂ.ಪ	656/1	0.01.00	–	0.01.00
14.	ಗಾಯಿತ್ರಿ ಬಾಲಾರಾಜು ಕೋಂ ಆರ್.ಬಾಲರಾಜ್	656/2	0.01.00	–	0.01.00
15.	ಶ್ರೀ ಬಾಲರಾಜು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ವಿ.ರಂಗಪ್ಪ	656/3	0.00.12	–	0.00.12
16.	*ಸೈಯದ್‌ಸಮೀರ್. ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್ ಬಿನ್ ಸಾಬೀರ್ ಪಾಷ ಮತ್ತು ಸೈಯದ್ ಬಖಿರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಸಾಬೀರ್ ಪಾಷ	656/4	0.00.04	–	0.00.04
	ಒಟ್ಟು	**5**	**1.14.00**	**–**	**1.14.00**

ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಶೃಂಗಾರಸಾಗರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಕುಣಿಗಲ್
ಹೋಬಳಿ : ಹುಲಿಯೂರುದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ತುಮಕೂರು

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		
			ಐನು ಎ–ಗುಂಟೆ	ಖರಾಬು ಎ–ಗುಂಟೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಎ–ಗುಂಟೆ
17	ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಜವರಯ್ಯ, ಕೆಪ್ಲಾಪುರಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೆನ್ಷನ್‌ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮೀಸಲು ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ, ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಬಿನ್ ಮರಿರಾಜಣ್ಣ, ಜವಾರಾಯಿ ಎಂ.ಸಿದ್ದರಾಮ ತಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಉ..ಅಯ್ಯ, ಚನ್ನಪ್ಪಚಿಕ್ಕಮುದ್ದಯ್ಯ, ಜಯಲಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ ಪುಟ್ಟತಾಯಮ್ಮಚಂದ್ರಿಕಾ ನಾಗರತ್ನಮ್ಮ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಾಯಮ್ಮ ಉ..ಪುಟ್ಟಮ್ಮತಂದೆ ಮಾಯಣ್ಣ, ನಾಗೇಶ. ಹೆಚ್.ಜಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಹೆಚ್.ವಿ. ಗೋವಿಂದಶೆಟ್ಟಿ, ಮುದ್ದಉ..ತಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿರಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಜಯಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಕೋಂ ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ, ಜವರ ಬಿನ್ ದದ್ದಜವರೇಗೌಡ ಬಿನ್ ಯಡಚೇಗೌಡ, ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್‌ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಮಂಗಳಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಎಸ್.ಪಿ. ಚಂದ್ರಯ್ಯ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಶಾರದಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಚಂದ್ರಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಚಂದ್ರಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ, ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಪಾಪಣ್ಣ, ಧನಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಕೋಂ ಎಸ್.ಪಿ.ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ, ಶಿವಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಬಸವಯ್ಯ, ಪುಟ್ಟಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ಹುಚ್ಚಯ್ಯ, ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್‌ಕೋಣಗೇಗೌಡ, ಹನುಮ ಬಿನ್ ಮರೀಗೌಡ, ಹುಚ್ಚಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಹುಲ್ಲೂರಯ್ಯ ಉ.. ಗುಂಡಯ್ಯ, ತಿಮ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ತಿಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ, ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ್, ಕುಣಿಗಲ್, ರುದ್ರಪ್ರಸಾದ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಆರಾದ್ಯರು, ಪುಷ್ಪಲತಾ ಕೋಂ ರುದ್ರಪ್ರಸಾದ್, ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಆರಾದ್ಯರು, ಹೇಮಲತಾ ಕೋಂ ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ, ರವಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಶಿವಣ್ಣ ಆರಾದ್ಯರು, ಮಂಜುಳ ಕೋಂ ರವಿ, ಹುಚ್ಚಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಚಿನ್ನಯ್ಯ ಉ..ಚಿನ್ನ, ಜವರ ಬಿನ್ ಶಿದ್ದೇಗೌಡ, ಹುಚ್ಚ ಬಿನ್ ಜವರೇಗೌಡ, ಕೆಂಪಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕಣಿನಿಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇಟ್ ನಿಂಗಯ್ಯ, ಹೆಚ್.ಕೆ.ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಬಿನ್ ಕರಿಯಯ್ಯ, ನಂಜಪ್ಪ ಬಿನ್ ಸುಬ್ಬರಾವ್, ಬುಳ್ಳಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಕರಡಿಗಯ್ಯ, ಹುಚ್ಚಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಜವರೇಗೌಡ, ನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಮೋಟಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮೋಟಯ್ಯ, ಚಿಕ್ಕನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಮೋಟಯ್ಯ, ದೊಟ್ಟನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಎಸ್. ನರಸಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ, ಕರಿಯಾ ಬಿನ್ ಮುತ್ತತಿಮ್ಮ, ಹೆಚ್.ಕೆ ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ನಂಜಯ್ಯ ಉ..ಮೋಟಶೆಟ್ಟಿ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ(49–15 ಎ/ಗು)	34	0.10.00	–	0.10.00
	ಒಟ್ಟು	**1**	**0.10.00**	**–**	**0.10.00**

ಗ್ರಾಮ : ಕೆಂಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು : ಕುಣಿಗಲ್
ಹೋಬಳಿ : ಹುಲಿಯೂರುದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ತುಮಕೂರು

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಶ್ರೀಯುತರು/ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರ್	ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		
			ಐನು ಎ–ಗುಂಟೆ	ಖರಾಬು ಎ–ಗುಂಟೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಎ–ಗುಂಟೆ
18.	ಎಸ್.ಸಿ ಚೆಲುವಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಚೆಲುವಯ್ಯ, ಜಯಲಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ನಾರಾಯಣಪ್ಪ, ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಲೋಕೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ, ವಸಂತ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ, ಚಿನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಲೇ ಪುಟ್ಟರಾಜು	62/3	0.14.00	–	0.14.00
19.	ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಸಿ. ಲಭ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ (ತಹಸೀಲ್ದಾರ್ ಕುಣಿಗಲ್)	38	0.01.00	–	0.01.00
	ಒಟ್ಟು	**2**	**0.15.00**	**–**	**0.15.00**

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Shobha back in focus in Karnataka politics as head of poll

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is named to lead election campaign committee, while Yediyurappa's supporters were expecting that he would be chosen for the post

The Hindu Bureau
Bengaluru

The ruling BJP on Friday constituted election campaign committee, led by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and election management committee, led by Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje, ahead of the Assembly elections in Karnataka.

With this, Ms. Karandlaje appears to be back in the political limelight in Karnataka as she is on both the committees. Former minister Arvind Limbavali and party SC Morcha president Chalavadi Narayanaswamy are the only other leaders who are on both the committees in the capacity as members.

Karnataka Votes 2023

Ms. Karandlaje's elevation has triggered speculation of her being in the reckoning of the BJP high command for leadership in the State if the post-election scenario is favourable to the party. This is the first time that she has been given such a prominent responsibility in Karnataka.

A file photo of Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai during the BJP's Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra in Bengaluru.

Speculation on Yediyurappa

Leaders close to former Chief Ministers B.S. Yediyurappa were expecting that he will be appointed chairperson of the campaign committee. However, the party high command is of the view that such a committee should be led by the Chief Minister. Mr. Yediyurappa is on the committee as a member.

The 26-member election campaign committee also includes former Chief Ministers D. V. Sadananda Gowda and Jagadish Shettar, party State president Nalin Kumar Kateel, Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and A. Narayanaswamy.

Members of panels

The other members are former deputy chief minister K. S. Eshwarappa and Ministers Govind Karjol, B. Sriramulu, R. Ashok, Shashikala Jolle, C. C. Patil, S. T. Somashekhar, K. Sudhakar, Prabhu Chauhan and C. N. Ashwath Narayan, party national general secretary C. T. Ravi, MPs P. C. Mohan and Srinivas Prasad, legislators Laxman Savadi and Ramesh Jarkiholi. One notable member is BJP State vice-president B. Y. Vijayendra who is the son of Mr. Yediyurappa.

Election Management Committee includes Tejasvini Ananth Kumar, wife of former Union Minister Ananth Kumar. The other members are Union Minister Bhagawanth Khuba, Karnataka Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari, MLC Raghunathrao Malkapure, party vice-president Nirmal Kumar Surana, State general secretaries N. Ravikumar, Siddaraju, C.N. Ashwath Narayan,

Somanna on the horns of a dilemma over joining Cong.

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Housing Minister V. Somanna, who has been sulking over being sidelined in the party affairs, is in a dilemma on leaving the BJP and joining the Congress ahead of the Legislative Assembly elections., with several push and pull factors at play.

Mr. Somanna, a five-time MLA who quit the Congress in 2009, seems to be making a bid to rejoin the party and seek ticket for himself and his son Arun Somanna. The ruling BJP is unlikely to give ticket to both the father and the son.

V. Somanna

While Somanna is upset with BJP for being 'sidelined' in the party, not all in Congress are keen to welcome him back to the grand old party he quit in 2009

For father and son

Sources in the Congress said party leaders have held a round of talks with the Minister. Mr. Somanna, who belongs to the Lingayat community, is seeking ticket for the Govindarajanagar constituency in Bengaluru and the Hanur constituency in Chamarajanagar.

Though some Congress leaders are keen to induct Mr. Somanna, a few are opposed to it. Vijayanagar MLA M. Krishnappa (Congress), who is keen on securing a ticket for his son Priya Krishna, two-time MLA, in Govindarajanagar, is said to be opposing the induction of the BJP leader. Three-time MLA R. Narendra of the Congress said he is firm on contesting from the Hanur constituency and the party planning to give ticket to Mr. Somanna or his son is "false news".

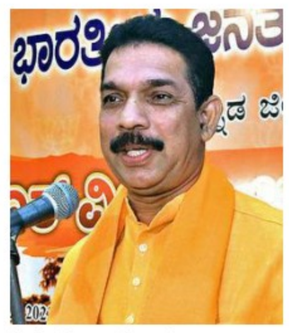
Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee working president Eshwar Khandre has openly opposed the move to induct Mr. Somanna into the party. Mr. Khandre openly said the party would not benefit from Mr. Somanna and the Minister had not sanctioned houses to beneficiaries in the Congress constituencies.

Mr. Somanna, 72, has been elected to the Assembly from the Janata Dal, the Congress, and the BJP since 1994. Recently, he openly admitted that he was upset with the BJP. His supporters said the Minister was upset over not being given a proper post in the party despite him being a senior leader. In fact, Mr. Somanna's name was also missing from the Election Campaign Committee and Election Management Committee announced by the BJP on Friday.

Mr. Somanna reportedly felt that he was let down by the BJP when he was not made in charge of the party's Vijaya Sankalpa Yatra launched from the Chamarajanagar district, despite being the district in-charge Minister. The former Minister K.S. Eshwarappa was made in charge of the yatra.

The Housing Minister also made his exit midway at Nagarbhavi while the BJP roadshow in his constituency was on, further fuelling speculation about his exit.

A "souring" relationship between him and the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa is said to be the other major reason for him being cut up.


Nalin Kumar Kateel

Congress seeks ₹1 crore damages from Kateel

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legal Cell of the Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress has issued a legal notice to Karnataka BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, MP, for his alleged defamatory remarks against Rahul Gandhi, Congress MP, during a public rally held on March 5 in Ramanagara.

In the notice, the party sought the withdrawal of remarks made by Mr. Kateel against Mr. Gandhi by tending an unconditional apology. If Mr. Kateel fails to comply with it, the party has decided to take legal action as well as seek ₹1 crore in damages for the loss of reputation of Mr. Gandhi.

Parties' meeting with poll panel chief: Congress demands single-phase election

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Demanding that the upcoming Assembly elections should be conducted in a single phase in all the 224 constituencies, the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has urged the Election Commission of India (EC) to immediately enforce the model code of conduct in the State to ensure free and fair elections.

"This is to prevent voter inducement by the Union and State governments," the party said in a petition submitted to the Chief Election Commissioner during a meeting with political parties in Bengaluru on Thursday. "Conducting polls in a phased manner will only help the misuse of powers by the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister and other Ministers from the ruling party," KPCC vice-presidents V.S. Ugrappa and P.R. Ramesh said.

Demanding that the authorities concerned should be directed to delete the illegal inclusion of voter names in the electoral rolls, the KPCC also said that the EVMs used in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and other BJP-ruled States should not be used in Karnataka.

JD(S) seeks withdrawal of Rajamouli's appointment as election ambassador

The JD(S), in its representation, demanded that the appointment of film director S.S. Rajamouli as election ambassador in Raichur district should be withdrawn. K.A. Thippeswamy, JD(S) MLC, said, "The director is known to be making movies favouring the BJP and the RSS. There is a lot of opposition to his appointment as the election ambassador from local people in the district. We demanded that his appointment be immediately withdrawn. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar assured us that the issue would be looked into. The party also asked for enforcement of the model code of conduct for at least 45 days, he said.

BJP leaders, who also met the Chief Election Commissioner, demanded that the commission should curb political parties from announcing pre-poll promises.

VoteFest, hackathon

On Friday, the Chief Election Commissioner held a meeting with the District Election Officers regarding pre-election preparations. He launched a hackathon, ELECTHON 2023, to encourage innovation and creative solutions to issues of the electoral process and two exhibitions on the history of elections in Karnataka and 'VoteFest 2023' for voter awareness in Bengaluru.

UAS-B to host youth festival from Monday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (UAS-B), is hosting an All-India Agricultural Universities Youth Festival from March 13 to 17 on the GKVK campus.

According to a press release from the UAS-B, students from as many as 59 agricultural universities, deemed universities, and Central universities will showcase their skills in 18 events under five themes – music, dance, literary, theatre, and fine arts.

Five-day Ugadi festival at Srisailam

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Srisaila Devasthanam, Srisailam, Andhra Pradesh, will celebrate Ugadi for five days from March 19. In a release, the temple said 'Ugadi Uthsavam' is one of its major annual festivals. A large number of devotees from Karnataka and Maharashtra are expected to attend the five-day event.

THE INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, CHENNAI
(Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)
March 10, 2023

IMSc is inviting applications for the positions detailed below :

Advt No.10-R/IMSc/2023	Filling up of **One Project position** purely on contract basis on consolidated salary.
Advt No.11-R/IMSc/2023	Filling up of **One vacant post [UR] of Scientific Assistant 'C' [Library] (Level-6 in the pay matrix under 7th CPC).**

For more details, please visit "Opportunities Page" of our website **https://www.imsc.res.in/other_positions**.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL. IBC Division No.1, Kembhavi.
Tq: Shorapur. Dt: Yadgiri, Phone no.08443-278674
Email:-ee_ibcdiv1kembhavi@yahoo.com

No: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB/ Tender/2022-23/ 1190 Date:07-03-2023

CORRIGENDUM NO-1

Ref: 1)This office tender notification: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB/ /2022-23/1107 Dated: 03.02.2023

Due to inevitable technical reasons the modified, schedule of events for Headwork of e-Tender notification was invited by this office under vide Ref. No (1) above is modified as follows.

Modified schedule of events:- .

Sl no	As per notification dated: 03.02.2023	Changed calendar of events
1	The contractor should have registration certificate of Super grade Electrical contractor / Electrical contractor license in any one of the Indian states/reputed manufacturer of 110/ 6.6kv,17.5MVA step down power Transformer or above	A valid copy of the KPWD class-1Electrical contractor.
2	The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 06.02.2023 to 24.02.2023 up to 4.30 pm.	The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 09.03.2023 to 17.03.2023 up to 4.30 pm.
3	Submission of completed e-tendering documents from 06.02.2023 to 24.02.2023 up to 4.30 pm.	Submission of completed e-tendering documents from 09.03.2023 to 17.03.2023 up to 4.30 pm.
4	A pre-bid conference will be held on 16-02-2023 at 11.00 AM at the office of the Chief Engineer canal zone-2 Rampur.	A pre-bid conference will be held on 14.03.2023 at 11.00 AM at the office of the Chief Engineer canal zone-2 Rampur..
5	Technical bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 28-02-2023 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform.	Technical bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 20.03.2023 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform.
5	Financial bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 02.03.2023 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform.	Financial bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 23.03.2023 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e - Tendering platform.

DIP/Yadagiri/520/K.S.M.C&A 2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KBJNL IBC Division-1 Kembhavi,

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT DIVISION KALABURGI

No:EE/RDP/DK/TS/Tender/ MLA LAD /2022-23/1110 Date: 09-03-2023

SHORT TIME E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE TWO COVER SYSTEM

1) Name Of Work: Package of 2 Works 1) Improvements to Road From Yargal to Chittapur Yadgir Main Road 2) Improvements to Road From Kaddaragi to Yargal in Chittapur Taluka Kalaburagi District Under MLA LAD **INDENT No: 5643,** 2) Head Of Account: MLA LAD, 3) Amount Put to Tender: **Rs. 24290908.06,** 4) Class of Contractor: Class-I and Above, 5) Submission of tender form & Completion last date of tender: **10/03/2023 to 17/03/2023** Evening Up to 16:30 PM, 6) Cost of tender form & EMD Amount: Cost of Tender form & EMD Mentioned in e-Proc, 7) Last of Submission of tender: **17/03/2023 Evening Up to 16:30 PM** 8) Opening date of Technical Bid: **20/03/2023 Morning After 11.00AM,** 9) Opening date of Financial Bid : **23/03/2023 Morning After 11.00AM,** 10) Address required for additional information: Office of Executive Engineer Rural development Panchayat Raj Engineering Project Division in front of Dr. B.R Ambedkar Hostel Rajapur road Kalaburgi. 11) E-mail Address: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in,** 12) Office E-mail Address:kn-gul-1@pmgsy.nic.in

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1466/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RD PRE Project Division Kalaburgi

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka under taking)
Office of the, Executive Engineer, KNNL, IPC. Division No.1, Kalaburgi.

No.EE/KNNL/IPCD-1/PB-6/TND/ALIS/2022-23/2589 Date:09.03.2023

CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER

Ref: This office tender notification No.2492 dated:28.02.2023.

In continuation of this office tender notification under reference above & e-tender, due to technical reasons the calendar of events for Indent No.36222 has been modified as below.

Sl No.	Calendar of events	Previous Dates	Extended dates
1	The tenderer can have access to the e-tender documents in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of e-cash towards transaction fee as per e-procurement.	From 02-03-2023 to 10-03-2023 from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM.	From 02-03-2023 to 14-03-2023 up to 16.30 Pm.
2	Pre bid meeting and last date for queries.	07-03-2023 at 11.30 am and last date for queries 07-03-2023 Up to 17.00 Pm	11-03-2023 at 11.30 am and last date for queries on 11-03-2023 Upto 17.00 Pm
3	Last date for submission of completed documents in the e-proc website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.	10-03-2023 Upto 5.00 Pm	14-03-2023 Upto 16.30 Pm
4	Date of Opening of Technical bid at the O/o the Executive Engineer, KNNL, IPC, Division No.1 Kalaburagi.	13-03-2023 at 11.30 Am	15-03-2023 at 17.00 Pm
5	Date of Opening of Financial bid.	17-03-2023 at 11.30 Am or after approval of technical bid/whichever is earlier	17-03-2023 at 11.30 Am or after approval of technical bid /whichever is earlier

Note: Further information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours (Phone No.08472-220590) and visit website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. All other terms and conditions as per original Notification.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1465/MC&A/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL. IPC. Division No.1 Kalaburagi

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

R Krishnaswamy (89), Retired Senior Circulation Manager, The Hindu, Chennai passed away on 10-03-2023. Address: C 38, Hindu Colony, 13th Cross Street, Nanganallur, Chennai-600061. Contact No: 98841 10651.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

1st Year Anniversary

25.06.1938 - 11.03.2022
S. THIRUMALAI
AGM, Telecom (Retd.)
Fondly remembered by:
Mrs. T. Chitra, T. Parthasarathy, T. Arvind, T. Lakshmi Narasimhan, Kalyani Parthasarathy, Vijayalakshmi Arvind, P. Divya, A. Harshitha.
Ph: 97899 67026 / 97890 68028

DEATH

Mr. Avdhesh Singh Bhadoria (51)
Senior Branch Manager, Advt Sales
THE HINDU, Bhopal.
Passed away on 10-03-2023.
Address:
House No: 43, Nainagiri Colony
J K Road, Bhopal - 462022.
Ph: 95752 06771

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

DOB 17-10-1926

DOD 11-03-2013

KAMALA BALASUBRAMANIAN
W/o. Late S. Balasubramanian
A Caring wife, a Loving Mother, a Doting Aunt & Grandmother and above all a compassionate person who touched the lives of many.
Fondly remembered by
FAMILY MEMBERS

BRS leader holds dharna for Women's Reservation Bill

The party MLC K. Kavitha led a day-long hunger strike at Jantar Mantar, a day ahead of her scheduled questioning by the ED in the Delhi excise policy case; nine parties join her at the sit-in

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ahead of her appearance before the Enforcement Directorate in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader K. Kavitha led a day-long hunger strike at Jantar Mantar, demanding the introduction of the Women's Reservation Bill in the Budget session of Parliament that is scheduled to begin on Monday.

Nine Opposition parties joined her at the sit-in. The Congress and Trinamool Congress were the notable exceptions in the string of Opposition leaders that visited Ms. Kavitha to express solidarity.

Strong pitch: Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader K. Kavitha speaking at the Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, Aam Aadmi Party's Sanjay Singh, Rashtriya Janata Dal's Shyam Rajak, Nationalist Congress Party's Seema Malik, Samajwadi Party's Pooja Shukla and Akali Dal's Naresh Gujral were all present at the protest site.

The Samajwadi Party's presence is significant, considering that when the Congrees-led UPA government introduced the Bill in the Lok Sabha, the SP had opposed it, demanding quotas for Scheduled Castes and Tribes and Other Backward Classes within the reserved seats for women as well.

Mr. Yechury inaugurated the protest.

'Fast is a ploy to distract from scam'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday termed Bharatha Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader K. Kavitha's day-long hunger strike, along with leaders of twelve political parties, as "preposterous" and a ploy to change the narrative on the Delhi excise case.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Karuna Gopal Vartakavi, BJP national in-charge for Women Policies, said that Ms. Kavitha needed to be "shown a mirror". "It is only now that we have been granted the privilege of woman Ministers in Telangana; for the first five years, we didn't have a single woman Minister in the State," she said.

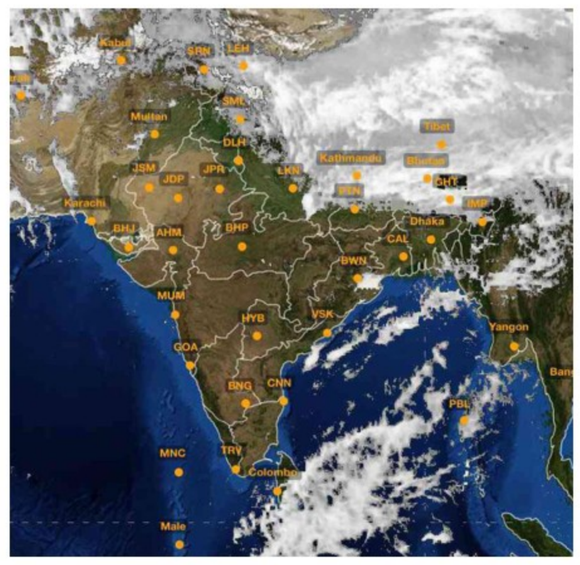
"The fast is a ploy. If she is indeed arrested in the liquor scam, it may be passed off as an arrest over a righteous demand for women's reservation," she added.

"She (Ms. Kavitha) was not outraged that the first citizen – Hon'ble Governor of Telangana Dr. Tamilisai, a woman, an accomplished doctor – was abused openly by her party seniors; there was public outrage but that abusing leader was rewarded with a plum post by Chief Minister Chandrasekhar Rao," she said.

"By asking for reservation, isn't Ms. Kavitha demanding respect for women? Doesn't she know that charity begins at home?" Ms. Vartakavi added.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/ gusty wind likely at isolated places over Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar and Jharkhand. Heat wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Saurashtra & Kutch and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.7	17.8	Kozhikode	—	36.2	25.2
Ahmedabad	—	35.9	18.7	Kurnool	—	36.7	19.7
Aizawl	—	33.5	13.1	Lucknow	—	31.2	17.7
Allahabad	—	33.4	15.5	Madurai	—	34.8	22.6
Bengaluru	—	30.5	17.4	Mangaluru	—	36.8	21.0
Bhopal	—	30.8	14.6	Mumbai	—	37.5	21.8
Bhubaneswar	—	32.2	22.1	Mysuru	—	—	17.0
Chandigarh	—	29.1	14.8	New Delhi	—	30.5	15.1
Chennai	—	31.5	23.6	Patna	—	32.8	19.0
Coimbatore	—	34.0	21.4	Port Blair	—	31.7	23.4
Dehradun	—	30.1	14.0	Puducherry	—	31.7	20.9
Gangtok	—	20.5	11.4	Pune	—	33.8	19.5
Goa	—	36.0	21.5	Raipur	—	35.4	21.9
Guwahati	—	34.3	16.6	Ranchi	—	31.2	17.4
Hubballi	—	36.0	20.0	Shillong	—	22.9	10.7
Hyderabad	—	34.2	19.8	Shimla	—	18.6	8.9
Imphal	—	29.1	14.4	Srinagar	—	21.0	3.2
Jaipur	0.7	30.7	16.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.0	24.8
Kochi	—	34.0	25.4	Tiruchi	—	33.3	22.6
Kohima	—	21.0	—	Vijayawada	—	34.6	23.0
Kolkata	—	31.2	23.4	Visakhapatnam	—	33.8	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..—	..—	.14	...238	...184	
Bengaluru	...7	..18	.24	88	...107	
Chennai	.29	..33	.59	...129	...101	
Delhi	.25	..61	.31	...316	...249	
Hyderabad	.15	6	165	96	...114	
Kolkata	.13	..58	.79	...165	...128	
Lucknow	.15	..24	.83	82	98	
Mumbai	.40	143	.66	...201	...153	
Pune	.97	130	115	...245	...142	
Visakhapatnam	.16	..42	.41	92	...136	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 500 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 26

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

Abandoned tiger cubs get new home in Tirupati zoo

The four cubs deserted by the tigress in the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve got a new home at the Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park in Tirupati, where they were shifted in the early hours of Friday. The shifting of the tiger cubs was necessitated after attempts of the forest authorities to reunite them with their mother five days ago could not materialise as the tigress never returned to pick up its litter.

'3,614 tmcft of excess water released from Mettur dam in the last 88 years'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The year 2022 saw the highest-ever quantum of excess water being released from the Mettur dam since it was built in 1934. The amount of surplus water let out was over 4.7 times the dam's capacity.

After taking into account the figure for 2022, the total surplus quantum in the last 88 years was about 3,614 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft), according to a publication authored by R. Subramanian, former Superintending Engineer of the Water Resources Department.

Published by the Tamil Nadu PWD Senior Engineers Association, the publication, 'Construction of Mettur Dam Systems-An illustrative treatise,' traces the history of the project. It talks of how the July 1924 floods in the Cauvery shifted the dam site from the original location.

Apart from the text of the 1892 and 1924 agreements, the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's interim and final awards and excerpts from the Supreme Court's 2018 judgment, the publication, which contains a number of photographs, gives details of engineers of the Water Resources Department who had worked in the Cauvery basin.

Kerala HC forms panel to inspect Kochi fire site

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court on Friday constituted a committee to conduct an audit of the infrastructure facilities available at the Brahmapuram waste treatment plant where a fire broke out recently. The panel will also have to analyse the primary and indirect environmental damages caused to the site and the efficacy of the equipment established at the site.

Opposition to government's move for law to end conflict

The Hindu Bureau
KOTTAYAM

Amidst reports that the Left Democratic Front government in Kerala is weighing up a new law to mitigate the conflict between the Jacobite and Orthodox factions of the Malankara Church, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church has sought to put up a stiff resistance to the move.

A meeting of the episcopal synod and working committee of the Church at Devalokam on Friday decided to observe March 12 as 'protest day'. This will be followed up with a day-long protest in Thiruvananthapuram the next day.

Summer fury

Huge loss: Firefighters trying to douse a fire at the Valiyakadapuram beach near Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. According to the the Fire and Rescue Services, at least 15 small fibre boats were gutted and 10 damaged. PTI

A.P. Police team probing child trafficking racket ends up in Maharashtra; rescues four

Rajulapudi Srinivas
VIJAYAWADA

The accused, while working as a counsellor at an IVF Centre, made links with kidnappers

The Andhra Pradesh Police have begun investigation into the Maharashtra child trafficking racket, in which four children from Jaggaiahpet in Andhra Pradesh and the neighbouring villages were rescued.

The Parbhani district police in Maharashtra arrested Padala Sravani of Vijayawada, Pancholi Sangitha of Secunderabad, and served notice on Irgadindla Shilpa of Jaggaiahpet, who were allegedly involved in the child selling racket.

A police team under the supervision of Commissioner Kanthi Rana Tata visited Parbhani on Friday.

During investigation, it was revealed that Sangitha, while working as a counsellor at an IVF Centre, developed links with the kidnappers who abduct children in small pockets of Maharashtra and supply them to gang members in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The children were then sold to childless couples for a sum ranging between ₹2 lakh and ₹7 lakh.

A special team headed by Police Nirakshak of Crime Branch Vasant Chavan led the investigation. "The accused had been kidnapping children for the last three years. Following complaints from parents of missing children, cases have been registered," Mr. Chavan said.

"The team visited Jaggaiahpet and rescued four children aged between three and seven years," Mr. Chavan said.

"The Andhra Pradesh police cooperated well, which helped us to bust the racket and rescue the children," said Mr. Chavan.

New Telangana Secretariat could be ready by end of next month

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HYDERABAD

The Integrated Secretariat Complex in Hyderabad whose work is in final stages of completion is likely to be inaugurated towards the end of next month.

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inspected the progress of ongoing work at the new complex on Friday. Mr. Rao also reviewed work on the 125-ft-tall statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and the Martyr's Memorial, designed in the shape of a lamp, in the vicinity. Mr. Rao who reached the Secretariat complex first checked the progress of elevation work, fountain, green lawn and other aesthetic features.

All set: The Telangana State Secretariat and Martyrs' Memorial are getting ready for inauguration in Hyderabad. NAGARA GOPAL

He expressed satisfaction over the main entrance of the complex which was specially made with wood from Madhya Pradesh. He inspected works on the sixth floor, housing the Chief Minister's Office, and expressed satisfaction that the suggestions he made regarding wall cladding and decoration were put in place.

Mr. Rao later visited the under-construction statue of Dr. Ambedkar in the vicinity.

Much-filmed trees caught in swirls of a backwash

T. Appala Naidu
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

A humble lone Indian Siris tree is arguably the most photographed tree in Andhra Pradesh. It appears in over a 100 Telugu movies that were shot over the past half a decade on the banks of the Godavari in the State.

A century ago, it was planted by a farmer, Singuluri Tatabbai, on the river bank at Kumaradevam village, nearly five km from the iconic Rajamahendravaram-Kovvur bridge.

"In the same spot, where the tree still survives, my grandfather planted three saplings, which were not conserved by the locals. In his fourth attempt, he conserved the sapling for some days and that is still standing by the Godavari," claims 52-year-old Singuluri Nageswara Rao, grandson of Tatabbai.

At Kumaradevam village alone, nearly 20 old trees collapsed due to the Godavari floods and the expiry of their life expectancy in the past decade.

Famous spot

"Every Telugu actor, including Akkineni Nageswara Rao, Krishnam Raju to K. Chiranjeevi, visited our village for film shooting at the tree. Every successful Telugu actor and director must have shot a film, in which our village tree is seen", Mr. Nageswara Rao told *The Hindu*.

To name a few movies that were shot at Kumaradevam tree are *Paadi Pantalu*, *Trisoolam*, *Chattamtho Poratam*, *Siksha* and *Sootradarulu*.

Standing tall: A century-old Indian Siris tree is the most photographed and documented one on the banks of the Godavari.

By 2023, scores of old trees of various varieties along the banks of river Godavari fell or died due to various reasons, and a majority of them fell in the submergence area of the Polavaram irrigation project on both sides of the Godavari.

The trees and fishing boats could not be separated in the narratives on the beauty of river Godavari in any format – paintings, films, and writings.

Balu Akkisa, a resident of Polavaram village, says: "Pudipalli on the Devipatnam front of river Godavari is a new case of how the river is missing its link with the old trees. Pudipalli tree has been shot in many movies directed by Vamsi. The village has been rehabilitated and many old trees are facing submergence."

'No green drive'

Senior photographers hailing from the region said the beauty of Godavari and its trees could only be seen in the movies that were shot in those locations.

In the last Godavari Pushkaralu celebrated in 2015, the State government renovated the ghats but did not initiate any plan to conserve the trees.

At Pushkar Ghat, one of the two trees, that serve as shooting spots, died recently. In recent years, the State government did not carry out any drive to plant saplings and maintain the river banks.

Belated, but essential

India must have a proper regulatory response to the surge in virtual assets

The Finance Ministry's March 7 notification placing all transactions involving virtual digital assets under the purview of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) is a much-needed, even if belated, step. The government has been struggling in recent years to formulate an appropriate regulatory response to deal with the pandemic-era upsurge in advertisements soliciting investment in virtual assets as well as reports of actual investment. A July 2021 online report by BrokerChooser.com, for instance, had estimated India as being the country with the highest number of 'crypto owners', at 10.07 crore, which was more than threefold the number of owners of crypto assets in the second-ranked U.S. Even if this is discounted as a speculative guesstimate, measures and disclosures by the government indicate that the volume of trade in unregulated virtual assets has grown sizeably in recent years. Last month, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed the Lok Sabha that the Enforcement Directorate was 'investigating several cases related to cryptocurrency frauds wherein a few crypto exchanges had been found involved in money laundering'. And that as much as ₹936 crore had been attached or frozen as on January 31, on being deemed to be proceeds of crime. The decision to mandatorily bring all trade in virtual digital assets under the PMLA now lays the onus of ascertaining the provenance of all activity, including safekeeping, in such assets upon individuals and businesses participating in or facilitating these transactions.

The intergovernmental Financial Action Task Force (FATF) – the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog – has been continuously flagging the potential that virtual digital assets have for criminal misuse considering the speed and anonymity with which they can be traded worldwide. As it has pointed out, the fact that a few countries have moved to regulate virtual assets, and some others have banned them outright, while a majority have not taken any action has created a global system with loopholes for criminals and terrorists to abuse. India, which holds the presidency of the G-20, has been repeatedly stressing the need for a globally coordinated regulatory response to deal with crypto assets. While the Centre's decision to add the PMLA monitoring requirements, following the introduction of a tax regime for virtual digital assets in last year's Budget, has been interpreted by the crypto assets sector as moves towards regulating rather than proscribing it, the RBI's consistent advocacy for a ban needs to be seriously weighed before any decision is taken on the fate of the long-delayed draft legislation on virtual assets.

Widening rift

China and the U.S. must not allow their differences to polarise the world

The downward slide in relations between the world's two biggest powers fast appears to be reaching a point of no return. That was certainly the message from Beijing, where, during the on-going annual session of the National People's Congress or Parliament, Chinese leaders took aim at Washington's recent approach to ties. Xi Jinping, now reappointed for a third five year-term as President, told a parliamentary delegation on March 6 that China was facing "unprecedented severe challenges to the country's development" because "Western countries, led by the U.S., have implemented all-round containment and suppression of China". That Mr. Xi chose to directly name the U.S. underlined starkly how relations have deteriorated. China's new Foreign Minister Qin Gang said the U.S. was seeking "to encircle China". He also rejected the Biden administration's claim that "it seeks to outcompete China but does not seek conflict," saying it "... means to contain and suppress China in all respects". He added that "if the U.S. does not hit the brake... there will surely be confrontation".

If the hope was to "responsibly manage" competition, as the two leaders put it at their G-20 Indonesia meet in November 2022, recent events do not inspire confidence. A scheduled visit early last month by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken was cancelled after the sighting of a Chinese balloon over the U.S. Washington saw the "spy balloon" as a grave provocation on the eve of a visit aimed to restart engagement. Beijing slammed the U.S. decision to shoot down a "civilian meteorological airship" as reflecting a sense of "hysteria" in Washington when it comes to China. For the rest of the world, recent events suggest the rift is here to stay. Beijing, which is increasingly looking at the rest of the world through the prism of its all-encompassing U.S. rivalry, appears to be mending fences with Europe, while courting its neighbours. Beijing is planning a major Central Asia summit this year, while its strained relations with Japan are warming. The U.S., meanwhile, is shoring up alliances and partnerships in the region. While India has so far adeptly managed the fallout from the Ukraine war by adhering to its self-interest, China poses a unique challenge given the Line of Actual Control crisis. After Beijing's increasingly vocal objections to the Quad, India will have to remain prepared for continued pressure along the land borders, even as it assesses whether the worsening China-U.S. rift may alter Beijing's calculus as it grapples with two fronts, though Taiwan remains its primary concern. India must be nimble enough to exploit the opportunities in an increasingly divided world full of uncertainty and difficult challenges.

The unchallenged run of majoritarian encroachments

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In a recent speech, senior advocate in the Supreme Court of India, Dushyant Dave, expressed his anguish at the seeming co-option of independent institutions to the will of a powerful executive. Mr. Dave contrasted the passivity of India's civil society and public institutions with the protests that have paralysed Israel. These protests are the widespread demonstrations that have broken out against Israel's right-wing government over its stated plans that are aimed at restricting the autonomy of the country's Supreme Court.

The parallel with Israel (made in the speech) does illuminate a necessary pre-condition for the healthy functioning of democratic institutions. This pre-condition is the existence of a civil society base which fortifies the political legitimacy of autonomous institutions in their confrontation with an overbearing executive. In Israel, the civil society base (which has made its presence felt on the streets), in support of the Supreme Court, is made up of the professionalised middle classes, who zealously guard their individual liberties. In the absence of a written Constitution, it is this social base which has kept mainland Israel (excluding the militarised zone of the occupied territories) a relatively free and democratic space. Meanwhile, right-wing parties such as Benjamin Netanyahu's populist-nationalist Likud draw their support overwhelmingly from the economically marginalised and the less educated segments of Israeli society.

The difference in India

Unlike Israel, Hungary and Turkey, where resistance to the populist right wing has come from the educated middle classes, the Indian case is peculiar because the middle classes here have tended to be its most resolute ideological backers. As a Lokniti survey of 2017 noted, the educated classes displayed the greatest penchant for coercive violence on dissenting individuals (those who ate beef or refused to say '*Bharat Ma ki Jai*', for instance), along with a higher level of empathy for dictatorship and suppression of speech than found among the cohort of illiterates.

B.R. Ambedkar once explained the importance of a liberal-secular civil society to an American radio broadcaster this way: "The roots of democracy lie not in the form of Government, Parliamentary or otherwise... The roots of Democracy are to be searched [for] in the social relationship, in terms of associated life between the people who form a society."

> Indian civil society remains hierarchical and fragmented, with a desire of integrating itself into ruling power structures

Has such a civil society base evolved in Indian democracy over the last seven decades? In several States of northern India, the collective retribution of "bulldozer justice", stringent laws over the conspiratorial fantasy of "love jihad", and the unremitting stream of "police encounters" have certainly shown up the hollowness of the social and institutional support undergirding our constitutional order.

In his work, *The Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (1966), political sociologist Barrington Moore identified the liberal bourgeoisie as the historical agents of democratisation. According to Moore, at least in the western democratic tradition, these industrial and professional middle classes played a crucial role in constraining state authority and ensuring democratic freedoms partly by pushing their interests through civil society institutions such as the press and trade associations. The Indian path towards modern democracy confounded Moore because, as he wrote in his book, the country "experienced neither a bourgeois revolution, nor a conservative revolution from above, nor so far a communist one". Perhaps the case of Indian democracy was best captured by Sudipta Kaviraj's memorable phrase of "passive revolution", characterised by an absence of substantive democratic struggle and the entrenchment of ruling class dominance through modest reforms and co-option of the symbols of the opposition.

The thesis of a passive revolution was particularly useful in understanding the Congress's phase of dominance, where the middle classes and labour unions were firmly integrated into the statist model of nation-building.

Democratisation, in U.P. and T.N.

This lack of space afforded to an independent and oppositional civil society has plagued not just the Congress's vision of democracy but also later models of democratisation that came up to challenge its hegemonic rule. We can summarise here two such contrasting routes of democratisation: the Mandal route in Uttar Pradesh and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) route in Tamil Nadu.

In Uttar Pradesh, the Samajwadi Party (SP) relied excessively on a top-down fabrication of electoral alliances between backward caste groups, while placing little emphasis on nurturing the political space for a democratic civil society. As political scientist Gilles Verniers argued in the paper, 'Conservative in Practice: The Transformation of the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh' (2018), the SP turned increasingly socially conservative by the turn of the century, moving away from its socialist and progressive roots. The political capital made from the Mandal agitation was fed into the construction of a powerful electoral machine, which came to rely on locally dominant social groups for its electoral mobilisation, rather than on a political programme for democratic emancipation. The paper, "Caste and the Power Elite in Allahabad" (2015), written by Jean Dreze *et al.* conclusively demonstrated how the commanding positions of civil society continued to be dominated by upper castes.

In contrast, the DMK anchored its political mobilisation on a radical re-conceptualisation of the basis of politics, as the political scientists R. Sriramachandran *et al.* have illustrated in their recent book, *Rule of the Commoner: DMK and Formations of the Political in Tamil Nadu, 1949-1967*. The thesis of the book revolves around the concept of a counter-hegemonic struggle, theorised by the socialist political philosopher Ernesto Laclau.

The DMK, in this formulation, spurned the path of liberal reforms to the political order and waged a struggle on behalf of the 'people' (the majority of the backward castes) against the political elite represented by the Congress. The Dravidian movement succeeded precisely because the conception of the 'political' was not confined to elections or democratic procedures but encompassed the transformation of the social and economic relations of power.

However, the DMK, much like the Left in Bengal, also did not put too much store by an independent civil society as a guarantor of substantive democracy. Both parties sought to capture state power and then fashion their own civil society, embedded into various ruling party structures.

Indian civil society remains hierarchical and fragmented, desirous more of integrating itself into ruling power structures than challenging them. Therefore, any resistance to majoritarian encroachments on our constitutional order is not likely to come from civil society formations or the independent institutions that rely on their support.

A moment of reckoning for AUKUS and Australia

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The week ahead is likely to be crucial for Australia. An announcement about an "optimal pathway" for AUKUS – the security partnership between the United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom – is on the horizon, with implications for Australia's plans to operate a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines within the next decade. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has called it "the single biggest leap in defence capability in Australia's history".

Officials in Canberra, however, are still concerned. Their country requires a favourable path to develop deterrence capabilities against potential adversaries, but even the most positive outcome of the AUKUS consultations is not without drawbacks. The main issue for Australia is that many of its regional partners oppose the Royal Australian Navy operating nuclear attack submarines. Some, such as Indonesia, have been open about their reservations. Others, such as India, despite being politically supportive of AUKUS, appear conflicted about the prospect of these submarines operating in the regional littorals.

For its part, Canberra has attempted to assuage concerns by explaining to its counterparts in regional capitals that AUKUS does not provide Australia with nuclear weapons capability, but is rather a means of acquiring nuclear maritime propulsion. Officials have even attempted to distinguish AUKUS from other groups such as the Quad (India, the U.S, Japan, Australia). Canberra describes the Quad as a normative grouping that lays out a vision for the region and AUKUS as a more technical arrangement.

Options and challenges for Canberra

The clarification notwithstanding, AUKUS remains a military pact with the potential to shape the strategic contours of maritime Asia. Following consultations between AUKUS partners in recent months, three main options have emerged. The first, which Australian officials hope will be the chosen pathway, is for the U.S. to build nuclear-powered attack submarines (SSNs) for Australia. As much as Canberra would like it, many U.S. policymakers seem sceptical about this option.

> The soon-to-be announced 'optimal pathway' for AUKUS has implications that go beyond Australia and its near neighbourhood

Two top U.S. Senators wrote to President Joe Biden in January this year, urging him not to sell nuclear submarines to Australia, warning that it would jeopardise U.S. national security given the vessels' scarcity. With the country facing problems with nuclear submarine construction, the possibility of the U.S. building SSNs for Australia appears rather remote.

The second option is for the U.K. to expand its Astute-class programme to Australia. Here, too, there is a hitch. The U.K. is constructing its Dreadnought-class ballistic-missile submarine (SSBN) programme while designing the Astute-class replacement in a sequential build process. Even if Australia acquired an Astute-class submarine, integrating the onboard combat system would be difficult due to differences between the current Australian and American fleets.

The third and perhaps most likely option is a trilateral effort to develop a new nuclear submarine design. Canberra could announce a modified version of the yet-to-be-launched U.S. Next-Generation Attack Submarine or U.K. Submersible Ship Nuclear Replacement (SSNR) programmes, or even a completely new AUKUS-class design to be acquired by all three countries.

This path, too, is not without challenges, the biggest of which is that Australia has to figure out how to get around U.S. export controls. Critics say the U.S.'s stringent export control and protocol regime could jeopardise the technology transfer agreement, particularly in areas related to undersea capabilities and electronic warfare. To operationalise the pact, the only way forward is to reform the U.S. export control regime by creating a "carve-out" of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). That, experts say, is easier said than done.

The developments surrounding AUKUS are instructive for Indian observers. Even with its closest allies, the U.S. is facing difficulties transferring technology. It is not that Washington does not want to help a partner; it is more that the U.S. export control system is so rigid and archaic that it cannot make room for the priority transfer of know-how to a trusted ally. For India, which has never been in the same league of U.S. partners as Australia, acquiring critical technology from the U.S. remains a more daunting prospect.

N-technology transfer is complicated

The other lesson is that nuclear technology is difficult under the international system. For Australia to operate nuclear-powered submarines with high-enriched uranium (HEU) fuelled reactors, it will have to exploit a loophole that allows non-nuclear weapon countries to withdraw the fissile material required for submarine reactors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)-monitored stockpile.

The removal, experts say, could set a dangerous precedent, allowing potential proliferators to use naval reactors as a cover for future nuclear weapons development. One option, of course, is for Australian submarines to have a lifetime reactor core, but it is unclear if such an arrangement would be viable or, indeed, acceptable to Canberra.

Acquiring nuclear propulsion technology is likely to be also complicated for India, which is not a party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. The complexities involved in the transfer of technology for HEU-fuelled reactors in nuclear attack submarines from the U.S. and U.K., leave India with only one practical option: buying a high-power reactor from France. The miniaturised low-enriched uranium (LEU) reactor core for SSNs, though a workable alternative for India, would however impose its own limitations in terms of Indian dependence on France for reactor fuel and the need for periodic refuelling. The developments with AUKUS are then well worth watching.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bolstering ties

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's visit to India has undoubtedly affirmed the growing bonhomie between the two countries.

By asserting India to be a top-tier security partner, the Australian leader has underscored his country's resolve to further strengthen the growing strategic partnership between the two key nations in the Indo-Pacific region.

Being a key member of the Quad, Australia has not only warmed up to India to firm up its strategic ties but also appears to be even more determined to shore up its trade partnership with India against the backdrop of China losing its status as a reliable trade partner. There is no doubt that the growing camaraderie between India and Australia augurs well for both countries.

M. Jeyaram,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

Dog problem

The menace of stray dogs, as highlighted in the Editorial (March 8), will continue to cause havoc unless clear steps are taken to eliminate the danger they pose to children, women and the elderly. Though there are Samaritans who are willing to help a dog in distress, there are certain organisations which stand in the way of controlling the population of dogs. A dog's ear is useful while reading but a dog fight at almost all parts of the day is really disturbing!

K. Chellappan,
Chennai

Our society appears to be embroiled in issues that often retard our progress in almost every field of development. When there are growing instances of a 'dog menace', and measures are sought to be taken to sterilise/spay stray dogs, a hue and cry is made by animal lovers. There should be a law addressing such issues especially when it concerns the larger interests of society.

Ravi Mathur,
Noida, Uttar Pradesh

It was just the other day that I read a report about stray dogs chasing a mother and son on a scooter which led to the lady falling off and meeting with a terrible accident. How long are we to put up with this menace? The organisations concerned must be realistic and ensure public safety. We cannot be giving up the right to safety in public areas. Governments must think of promulgating an Act to allow only domestic pets with licences.

V.K. Gopalan,
Chennai

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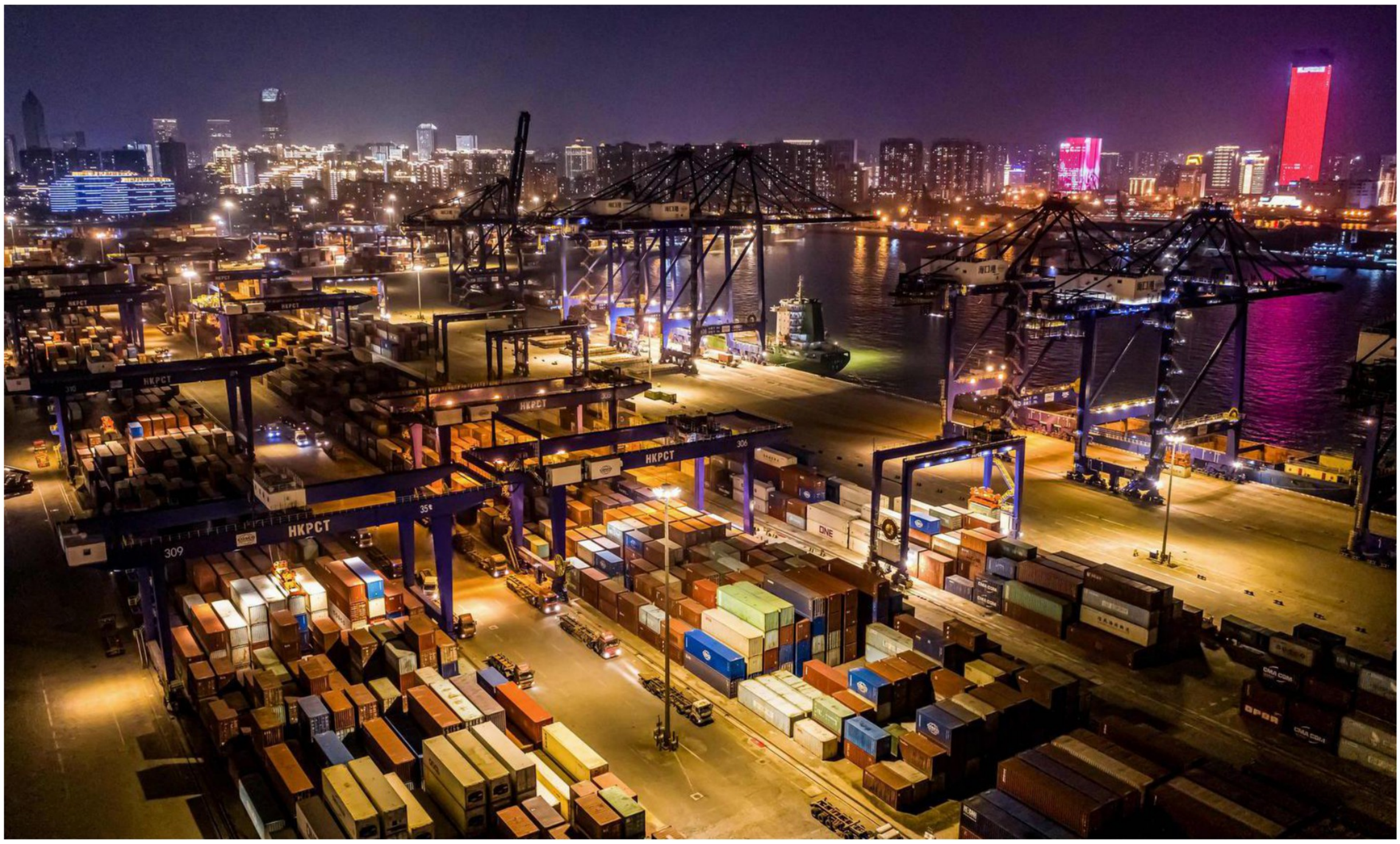

Shipping containers at Haikou Port in China's southern Hainan province. AFP

China's massive Hainan bet

Beijing is relying on an unlikely destination, a lush tropical island, to launch what some hope will be a second round of reforms and open up the Chinese economy. But the jury is still out on whether the bet will pay off in the Xi Jinping era. Ananth Krishnan reports on the ambitious plan and the challenges in implementing it

On March 10, 2023, Xi Jinping officially began his precedent-defying third term, with the ceremonial National People's Congress (NPC) confirming him as China's President for the next five years. The first decade of the Xi era, which was defined by China's return to one-man rule and the end of the collective leadership model, came to a close with three years of the 'zero-COVID' policy essentially walling China off from the rest of the world.

A decade into what Beijing has declared as "a new era" under Xi, China stands at a crossroads. Beijing is facing searching questions about its place in the world, and many observers, both within China and abroad, are asking if the reform era, which saw China opening up and integrating with the world, has ended. Three years of isolation only reinforced those perceptions.

A grand plan for Hainan

Hainan

Forty years ago, China stood at a similar crossroads. In 1992, Deng Xiaoping embarked on a "southern tour" to give his stalled reforms a second wind from Shenzhen, just three years after the events at Tiananmen had shaken China and the world. Xi appeared to be taking a leaf out of the Deng play book when, right after last year's NPC session, he decided to begin the last year of his second term with his own southern tour.

Xi headed even further south, to the island province of Hainan, where he called for accelerating plans to build what is being billed as China's first "Free Trade Port" (FTP). That trip ended up going largely unnoticed given the messy end to Xi's second term that came in the following months. There were numerous, harsh zero-COVID lockdowns, including in Hainan; unprecedented protests in November; and finally, the sudden, almost overnight, withdrawal of the policy the following month.

Now that the zero-COVID walls have come down and Xi has secured his third term, Beijing's focus is turning to kick-starting its beleaguered economy that is grappling with not only the after-effects of COVID policies, but other long-persisting problems, such as rising local government debt and an ailing property sector. Complicating its efforts are worsening relations with the West and the U.S. in particular, and trade and technology tensions that threaten to derail Beijing's quest to become the world's largest economy and a leading global innovation power.

Xi's plans for Hainan offer a clue into China's broader strategy to deal with these headwinds and to deepen its position as an economic lynchpin for the region. The FTP blueprint is certainly ambitious. Last year, Xi called for accelerating the first phase of the plan, which aims to establish the 35,000 sq km island as China's most open economic region by 2025. The ultimate goal is to build a tropical Dubai in the middle of the South China Sea by 2035. The stakes for Beijing and the region are enormous. "After Shenzhen and Shanghai," says Wang Daxue, an official with the Hainan government, "this will be the third most important event in China's reform and opening up history." The jury, however, is out on whether Hainan will be a transformative success story like Shenzhen or underwhelm, like Shanghai's much-celebrated free trade zone launched a decade ago.

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> **WANG DAXUE**
> Official with the Hainan government

Experiments under way

Hainan, a lush tropical island that is closer to Hanoi than Beijing, is an unlikely location for a potential global trading hub. It is located just off the Chinese mainland in the crystal-clear waters of the South China Sea. Tourism drives its economy, with millions of mainland tourists descending on the island every year to enjoy its tropical weather and beaches. Home to 10 million people, the island was carved out of Guangdong province and given its own administrative status in 1988. Since then, it has been used as a testing ground for economic reform policies. Property reforms in the early 1990s were rolled out in Hainan and later across China, heralding a real estate boom. This ended up driving Chinese economic growth for three decades.

The FTP plan, by 2035, will essentially establish Hainan as a separate administrative trading entity within China. At its heart is what's being called the "free flow through the first line, control at the second line" model. Goods can enter the "first line" from overseas to Hainan freely, with the usual customs scrutiny kicking in only at the "second line" if they subsequently enter the Chinese mainland. This is a first-of-its-kind trading arrangement for China. The plan proposes "five frees" – another first for China – referring to free trade, investment, cross-border capital flows, transportation, and exit and entry. How "free," particularly on the fifth point, remains uncertain, given China's generally tight immigration controls.

An Alexander McQueen store in Sanya, Hainan. REUTERS

The broader idea is to attract foreign enterprises – particularly from Southeast Asia, given its proximity – to use Hainan as a base for trade, offering incentives such as zero tariffs and the lowest tax rate in China.

Haikou, the sprawling and modern capital in the northern edge of the island, and Sanya, a tourist paradise and a naval base in the far south, are the twin economic engines for the plan. The infrastructure is already in place. A bullet train link constructed in 2010 runs all along the island's eastern coast, covering the 300 km distance between the two cities in a little over 90 minutes.

Since the announcement of the FTP in 2018, the plan's progress has been measured steady, if unspectacular. Three years of zero-COVID have hardly been the best advertisement for openness. The province's $64 billion GDP ranks it fourth from bottom of China's 31 provinces, only higher than the western provinces of Ningxia, Qinghai and Tibet. In 2021, foreign investment stood at $3.5 billion. The number of foreign-funded companies had, however, close to doubled, to a little under 2,000.

> A free trade port represents the world's highest level of opening up, and demonstrates that China's door will not close, but open wider and wider.
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> **ZHOU LI**
> Counsellor at the Foreign Ministry in Beijing

On Sanya's northeastern suburbs is a cluster of high-rise buildings. The "tax-free city" is still a work in progress – massive construction cranes dot the landscape – but there were long lines on a recent afternoon outside luxury goods stores. For years, Chinese consumers have travelled abroad to lap up luxury goods, from Louis Vuitton handbags to Tiffany jewellery. The idea now, explains Zhao Jing, a director at the Tax-Free City, is to redirect them within China. The rules of the city allow Chinese citizens to purchase goods duty-free, as long as they have a flight ticket out of Sanya to anywhere in the mainland. Once purchased, the goods will be kept for pick up at Sanya airport. The elaborate arrangements are to prevent black market sales.

Duty-free goods and free trade aren't the only experiments under way in Hainan; the island is also serving as a testing ground for China's new energy transport policies. By 2030, Hainan will completely ban the sale of fuel cars. The surge in electric vehicles (EV) on the streets of Haikou – easily noticed by their green licence plates – is among the fastest in China, because of a tax exemption policy. The number of electric cars in the province has risen from 20,577 units in 2018 to a massive 1,91,937 in 2022, up from 1.62% to now 10.46% of all vehicles. This is the highest proportion anywhere in China. Also noticeable is that a majority of the cars are domestic brands. The only overseas EV manufacturer in the top five, as of sales in 2021, was Tesla. It ranked fifth, accounting for 5% of the market, trailing behind Chinese car-maker BYD, which has a 14.4% share.

Experimentation has been critical to the success of economic reforms in China, going back to the 1980s. Policies have been first tested in select cities or regions. Those that worked were rolled out elsewhere, while those that failed were quietly discarded. This is why, Hainan's officials explain, the FTP is being rolled out in stages to see what works before 2035. Beijing hopes that by then, Hainan will be giving Hong Kong some competition.

Hurdles to cross

There are, however, several hurdles that remain. One major reason why the reforms process, described by Deng as crossing the river while feeling the stones, worked previously was the political decentralisation pushed by Deng. Provinces were given space to work out their own policies. Perhaps the single biggest political legacy of the Xi era has been rolling back the autonomy of provinces. In recent interviews, officials in two local provinces said recent years had seen some policy paralysis in the bureaucracy because the fear of getting decisions wrong was overwhelming, so much so that doing nothing was a safer option. To what degree Hainan's opening will be micromanaged by Beijing or left to local officials remains an open question.

Another major hurdle, as far as foreign investors will be concerned, is about the legal protections on offer. Hainan's FTP plan promises international standards. Over the Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao years, China enacted a range of judicial reforms to professionalise the courts and create conditions that would enable an inflow of foreign investment and enterprises, which worked remarkably well in attracting business despite China's party-controlled legal system. However, the current perception among most foreign companies is that the past decade has seen a rolling back of already modest judicial autonomy and a reassertion of party control.

The other broader tension of the past decade has been between the desire to integrate China more closely with the world economically while exercising Chinese power more assertively. Some of the same countries that Beijing is looking to attract to Hainan are those that are contesting Beijing's tightening military grip in the South China Sea.

Relations with India are another case in point. A burgeoning trade relationship continues, but the flood of Chinese investment into India, which both countries had, prior to 2020, seen as a positive force for economic integration, has reduced to a trickle following the People's Liberation Army's transgressions across the Line of Actual Control (LAC). While the LAC, and the stalemate in India-China relations, remain unresolved, Xi has begun his third term by appearing to course-correct, at least tactically, elsewhere, and woo the region amid Beijing's primary strategic challenge – worsening relations with the U.S. China is positioning itself as the defender of globalisation and of developing countries, a message that a Belt and Road summit later this year is expected to reinforce.

Indeed, this is also the broader message of the Hainan project. "Hainan is a vivid example of China's commitment to the future," says Zhou Li, a Counsellor at the Foreign Ministry in Beijing. "It highlights China's resolution of further opening. A free trade port represents the world's highest level of opening up, and demonstrates that China's door will not close, but open wider and wider."

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H3N2 flu claims two lives: Health Ministry

An almost real-time surveillance of cases of influenza-like illnesses and severe acute respiratory infections presenting in health facilities is being undertaken by the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme of the National Centre for Disease Control. The H3N2 case numbers have been confirmed from a pool of symptomatic flu cases, of which over 3.97 lakh were reported in January. In February, this number increased to 4.36 lakh cases. India has reported over 1.33 lakh cases of flu this month (till March 9).

Of these, the condition of 15,826 patients worsened and were hospitalised with severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) since January. Samples of SARI patients were sent for genomic sequencing to understand the exact strain of virus that has infected them. According to the latest data available on the integrated health information platform, a total of 3,038 laboratory confirmed cases of various subtypes of influenza, including H3N2, have been reported till March 9. This includes 1,245 cases in January, 1,307 in February and 486 cases so far this month.

'May dip from this month end'

"Every year, India witnesses two peaks of seasonal influenza: one from January to March and other in the post-monsoon season. The cases arising from seasonal influenza are expected to decline from March end," the Ministry said.

Apart from H3N2, a total of 955 cases of H1N1 virus – better known as swine flu – have also been reported, the Ministry has confirmed. The majority of H1N1 cases were reported from Tamil Nadu (545), apart from cases in Maharashtra (170), Gujarat (74), Kerala (42) and Punjab (28).

Free flu drug

Oseltamivir, a drug used to treat H1N1, has been recommended by the World Health Organization for the treatment of H3N2 cases as well, the Health Ministry said.

"The drug is made available through the public health system free of cost," the statement added.

On Saturday, NITI Aayog will hold an inter-ministerial meeting to review the seasonal influenza situation in the States.

Modi flags attack on temples in Australia

"Indian immigrants are the second largest expat community in Australia. They are making significant contribution to the Australian society and economy. It is a matter of regret that attacks on temples have been regularly reported in Australia over the past few weeks. It's natural that such news worries the people in India, and disturbs our mind," Mr. Modi said at the Hyderabad House.

Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said Mr. Modi blamed the incidents on the "pro-Khalistani outfits in Australia" and expressed "strong concern" about the "incidents of vandalism and targeting the Indian community". It is learnt that the Indian side conveyed that the targeting of temples had created an "environment of all round insecurity" for the vast Indian community in Australia.

Sources indicated that they "noted with satisfaction" that the Australian side displayed serious political will in dealing with the attacks. Separately, a diplomatic source informed that Mr. Albanese affirmed Australia's commitment to free speech without compromising "community safety and harmony at home". Earlier, Australia's High Commissioner Barry O'Farrell said that the attacks had "horrified" Australian people and that Canberra remained committed to multicultural values.

"I have placed these emotions and sentiments before Prime Minister Albanese and he has assured me that the safety of the Indian community is of special priority for him," Mr. Modi said, informing that the two sides would be in contact over the matter and take necessary actions.

China helps Saudi Arabia, Iran reconcile

Shia-majority Iran and Sunni Muslim Saudi Arabia support rival sides in several conflict zones across West Asia, including in Yemen where the Houthi rebels are backed by Tehran, and Riyadh leads a military coalition supporting the government.

"Following talks, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have agreed to resume diplomatic relations and reopen embassies and missions within two months," Iran's state news agency *IRNA* said. The official Saudi Press Agency also published the statement, which said talks took place in Beijing for five days immediately before the announcement. Ali Shamkhani, the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, travelled to Beijing on Monday for "intensive negotiations with his Saudi counterpart in China in order to finally resolve the problems between Tehran and Riyadh", *IRNA* said.

Iraq, a neighbour to both countries, had hosted several rounds of talks between Iran and Saudi Arabia since April 2021. Those encounters were held at a relatively low level, involving security and intelligence officials.

In Friday's statement, Iran and Saudi Arabia said they "thank the Republic of Iraq and the Sultanate of Oman for hosting the talks held between the two sides in 2021 and 2022 as well as the leaders and government of the People's Republic of China for hosting and supporting the talks held in that country".

Three held after Bihar mob kills man for 'carrying beef'

One suspect absconding; victim Naseem Qureshi was on his way to Jogia village in Saran district when a mob stopped him; he died on the way to a hospital in Patna; his nephew managed to flee

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Three persons have been arrested after a man from a minority community was beaten to death by a mob allegedly over suspicion of carrying beef in Saran district of Bihar on March 7. The police are on the lookout for another suspect, who is absconding.

The deceased has been identified as Naseem Qureshi of Hasanpura village in Siwan district. His nephew Firoz Ahmed Qureshi, who was at the spot of the killing, ran away from the attackers. It is learnt that Naseem and Mr. Firoz were on their way to meet some acquaintances at Jogia village when a mob of youth intercepted them near a mosque.

"While entering the village on our moped we saw the village sarpanch [village council head] and a few youth alongside him. The sarpanch told them we were carrying beef, and asked them to beat us," Mr. Firoz told presspersons.

Recurring incidents: The lynching in Bihar comes weeks after the killing of two men by alleged cow vigilantes in Haryana. AFP

He said he had run away to save his life as some youth chased him. "However, my uncle Naseem was caught and beaten up with bricks and *lathis* [wooden sticks]," Mr. Firoz said.

He said he had kept running from one police station to the other and from one hospital to another. The doctors in Siwan sadar (town) hospital told him that Naseem had been referred to a hospital in Patna and that he died on the way to the State capital.

Kin demand justice

At Hasanpura, Naseem's family demanded justice and assurance from the district administration that such an incident would never happen again. "We are also human beings and free to follow our religion and use things that are allowed in our rituals," Mr. Firoz said.

Naseem's younger brother Ashraf accused the policemen of Rasoolpur and Daraunda police stations of the district for "cover-up and negligence", which led to the death of his brother.

Three held

Superintendent of Police, Siwan, Gaurav Mangla said, "Whether the victim was carrying beef or something else is a matter of investigation. Three persons – the sarpanch Sushil Singh, Ujjawal Sharma and Ravi Sah – have been arrested in the case, while a manhunt is launched to arrest another suspect."

A first information report has been registered in the case under Sections 302 (murder), 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) and 379 (theft) of the Indian Penal Code, the police said.

The police further added that "a sum of ₹2,500 that Naseem had been carrying, too, was missing".

Rescue efforts of India in Turkey, Syria lauded: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Modi stressed the need to evolve local models of housing and town planning as per new technologies

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, inaugurating the third session of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR), said that the global appreciation for the work of the Indian rescue team in earthquake-hit Turkey and Syria recently has made every Indian proud. NPDRR is a multi-stakeholder platform constituted by the Government of India to facilitate dialogue, sharing experiences, views, ideas, action-oriented research & explore opportunities in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction.

With the main theme of the event being "Building local resilience in a changing climate", Mr. Modi said the concept was a familiar one in Indian tradition and it was clearly visible in the wells, architecture and the old cities.

In India, the system, solutions and strategy of disaster management have always been local, he said, giving the example of Bhunga houses of Kutch that survived earthquakes to a large extent. He stressed the need to evolve local models of housing and town planning as per new technologies.

"Recognition and Reform are the two main components for strengthening disaster management," he said.

While recognition will help in identifying the possible threats posed by natural calamities and when they will strike in the future, reform is a system where the threats of a possible natural calamity are minimised, he explained.

He suggested improving the system by making it more capable in a time-bound manner and emphasized the approach of long-term thinking instead of shortcuts.

Pak. demands joint probe into BrahMos firing incident

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Friday reiterated its demand for a joint probe into the accidental firing of a supersonic BrahMos missile by India which landed in its territory and sought a "satisfactory response" from New Delhi. The Foreign Office here issued a statement on Thursday on the completion of one year since the missile was fired from Rajasthan and fell into Pakistan.

The services of three officers of the Indian Air Force were terminated last year after a Court of Inquiry (CoI) found that deviation from the SOPs by them led to the accidental firing of the missile.

ED conducts searches at 24 locations in land-for-job scam case against Lalu

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/PATNA

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted searches at 24 locations in multiple States in connection with the alleged land-for-job scam case involving former Railway Minister Lalu Prasad and others.

The searches were carried out in and around Delhi, Patna, Ranchi and Mumbai. The ED move came days after the CBI questioned the former Railway Minister and his wife, Rabri Devi, in its own case. Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) sources said the house of Tejashwi Yadav, Mr. Prasad's younger son and Bihar Deputy Chief Minister, in South Delhi and the properties linked to Mr. Prasad's three daughters, Ragini Yadav, Chanda Yadav and Hema Yadav, were searched. The premises of the RJD MLA from Sursand, Abu Dojana, who is considered close to the RJD chief, was also covered.

Under scanner: The crowd outside the residence of RJD leader Syed Abu Dojana in Patna during an ED search on Friday. PTI

Apparently perturbed over the ED searches, Rohini Acharya, Mr. Prasad's second daughter who stays in Singapore and had recently donated her kidney to her ailing father, tweeted in Hindi: "We will remember this injustice. Everything will be remembered. What crime sister's little children and pregnant sister-in-law [Mr. Yadav's wife] have committed that they're being tortured? Everyone is being tortured since this morning. The only crime of these people is that Lalu-Rabri family did not bow down to the fascist forces and rioters. You'll get a response to this injustice when time comes...now, all this is beyond tolerance."

In October 2022, the CBI filed a chargesheet against 16 accused. Among those arraigned were Mr. Prasad, his wife, eldest daughter Misa Bharti, the then Railway General Manager, Sowmya Raghvan, and then Chief Personnel Officer, Kamal Deep Mainrai. In January, it received a prosecution sanction against Mr. Prasad.

Delhi court sends Sisodia to seven-day ED custody

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Special Court in Delhi on Friday granted the Enforcement Directorate seven days' custody of former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in the excise policy case. Mr. Sisodia will remain in ED's custody till March 17.

The order for ED's remand was passed by Special Judge M.K. Nagpal.

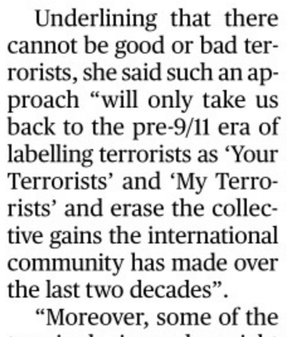
In its application, the ED said Mr. Sisodia had conspired with other persons in the formulation of the faulty liquor policy against kickbacks. "By such acts, the proceeds of crime to the tune of at least ₹292.8 crore has been generated," it said.

Categorisation of terrorism on the basis of motivation is 'dangerous', says India

Press Trust of India
UNITED NATIONS

India on Thursday said the tendency to categorise terrorism on the basis of motivations behind terrorist acts is "dangerous" and asserted that all kinds of terror attacks, whether motivated by Islamophobia, anti-Sikh, anti-Buddhist or anti-Hindu prejudices, are condemnable.

Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the UN, said the international community needs to stand guard against new terminologies and false priorities that can dilute its focus of combating the scourge of terrorism. "The tendency of categorisation of terrorism based on the motivations behind terrorist acts is dangerous and goes against the accepted principles that 'terrorism in all its forms and manifestations should be condemned and there cannot be any justification for any act of terrorism, whatsoever'," she said at the First Reading of the Draft Resolution on 8th Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.



Ruchira Kamboj

Underlining that there cannot be good or bad terrorists, she said such an approach "will only take us back to the pre-9/11 era of labelling terrorists as 'Your Terrorists' and 'My Terrorists' and erase the collective gains the international community has made over the last two decades".

"Moreover, some of the terminologies such as right or right-wing extremism, or far-right or far-left extremism opens the gate for misuse of these terms by vested interests. We, therefore, need to be wary of providing a variety of classifications, which may militate against the concept of democracy itself," she said.

Terror haven

India also asserted that states that provide shelter to terrorists should be called out and held accountable for their deeds, a veiled reference to Pakistan.

The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy is a "unique global instrument" to enhance national, regional and international efforts to counter-terrorism. Through its adoption by consensus in 2006, all UN member states agreed for the first time to a common strategic and operational approach to fighting terrorism.

Ms. Kamboj stressed that it is important to protect the secular nature of the strategy. She said India strongly condemns all kinds of terrorist attacks irrespective of religion, belief, culture, race or ethnicity. "We strongly condemn terrorist attacks motivated by Islamophobia, Christianphobia, anti-Semitism, anti-Sikh, anti-Buddhist, anti-Hindu prejudices," she said.

She noted that the seventh review of the strategy took into account attacks motivated by Islamophobia, Christianphobia and anti-Semitism only while failing to address the rest. "A more sagacious approach would be to keep this reference broad, abandoninga list-based approach in the current review," she said.

UNSC membership

In another address to the Informal Meeting of the Plenary on the Intergovernmental Negotiations, Ms. Kamboj said expansion in permanent and non-permanent categories of the UN Security Council is "absolutely essential" to ensure that voices of developing countries and unrepresented regions find their due place at the world body's top organ.

She said the expansion of both categories is the only way to bring the Security Council's decision-making dynamics in line with contemporary geopolitical realities. "We need a Security Council that better reflects the geographical and developmental diversity of the United Nations today. A Security Council where voices of developing countries and unrepresented regions, including Africa, Latin America and the vast majority of Asia and the Pacific, find their due place at the table," she said.

Govt. amends KYC to add NPOs, 'politically exposed persons'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

According to the notification, the PEPs will have to report transactions of ₹10 lakh and above

The Union Finance Ministry has amended the Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules for widening the scope of Know Your Customer (KYC) norms to include Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs), non-profit organisations (NPOs) and those dealing in virtual digital assets (VDA) as reporting entities. The decision has been taken ahead of the expected Financial Action Task Force assessment of India later this year.

The Ministry has made the exchanges and intermediaries dealing in VDA, such as cryptocurrency, reporting entities under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), thus making it mandatory for them to adhere to the client/user KYC requirements. Under the Act, reporting entities are required to keep all the relevant records of their beneficial owners and transactions for five years.

The Ministry has issued another notification, which defines PEPs as individuals who have been entrusted with prominent public functions by a foreign country, including the heads of States or governments, senior politicians, senior government or judicial or military officers, and important political party officials.

"In such cases, transactions of ₹10 lakh and above will have to be reported to the Financial Intelligence Unit," said an official. Non-profit organisations formed for religious or charitable purposes, and registered as trust or society, too have been added to the list. Another key decision is the lowering of ownership threshold from 25% to 10%, thereby treating any individual or group holding 10% ownership in a reporting entity as a "beneficial owner" for the purpose of PMLA rules.

'Congress is insulting the families of servicemen'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday accused the Congress-led Rajasthan government of insulting the families of servicemen after the Rajasthan Police evicted the widows of three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans, slain at Pulwama in 2019, from a protest site in Jaipur.

Addressing a press meet at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi, former Union Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore alleged that the "Congress mindset is of insulting martyrs and their families".

The three women had been protesting since February 28, and had launched an indefinite hunger strike six days ago outside Congress leader Sachin Pilot's house, demanding a change in rules, so that their relatives and not just children could get government jobs on compassionate grounds. They were removed in the early hours of Friday and shifted to hospitals, according to the Rajasthan Police.

"There was a lathicharge on the widows. What is the fear of the Chief Minister in meeting these widows and their families," the former Minister asked.

On Thursday, Mr. Gehlot had accused State BJP leaders of "using the widows of the martyrs for their narrow political interests and thus, dishonouring them."

BJP MP wants Rahul ousted from LS over speech on Modi

Nishikant Dubey tells panel that the Congress leader challenged Speaker's authority by ignoring his order, says he should have given a prior notice to speech; Rahul calls charges vague, unspecific

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey has sought the termination of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's membership of the Lok Sabha.

Mr. Dubey was deposing before the Privileges Committee of the Lower House, which is deliberating over a notice moved by him against Mr. Gandhi for allegedly making defamatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his speech on February 6. Eighteen portions of the speech had been expunged on the orders of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

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> **NISHIKANT DUBEY**
> BJP MP

Mr. Dubey, according to sources, argued that ignoring the Speaker's order, the entire speech, including the portions that were culled out, was running on the official YouTube channels of the Congress and Mr. Gandhi. This, he said, was a direct challenge to the Speaker's authority.

Citing the Lok Sabha rules, he said Mr. Gandhi should have given prior notice before making allegations against Mr. Modi. He also cited the precedents, including a 1976 case of expulsion of Subramanian Swamy from the Rajya Sabha. The Upper House in the 1976 instance had investigated Mr. Swamy for allegedly propagating "anti-Indian propaganda calculated to bring Parliament and the country's democratic institutions into disrepute".

On the panel's directions, Mr. Gandhi has already submitted a detailed reply to Mr. Dubey's notice. In the reply, the Congress leader argued that "freedom of speech" within Parliament was of utmost importance.

Mr. Gandhi said, "We can hardly call ourselves a democracy if we can't raise issues of public importance in Parliament." He also dismissed the charges made by Mr. Dubey as "vague and unspecific".

Congress flays Kejriwal over 'corruption' in Delhi, Punjab

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday accused Aam Admi Party (AAP) convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of "promoting" corruption in Delhi and Punjab, and also questioned the "deteriorating" law and order situation in Punjab.

It is unfortunate that a party that was born out of an anti-corruption agitation is now busy defending leaders who are in jail on corruption charges, said Congress spokesperson Alka Lamba, addressing the media. "If he [Sisodia] is so staunchly honest and he is sure of his innocence, then why has he not gone to the Delhi High Court to get the FIR against him quashed," she asked.

India, U.S. to launch a semiconductor sub-committee

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

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> **PIYUSH GOYAL**
> Minister of Commerce and Industry

India and the United States on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) that will pave the way for creating a semiconductor sub-committee under the Commercial Dialogue between the U.S. Department of Commerce and India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Ministry of Commerce.

"One of the major outcomes of the Commercial Dialogue was the memorandum of understanding on establishing semiconductor supply chain and innovation partnership," announced Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal. News about the MoU was shared by visiting U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo on Thursday.

Mr. Goyal said the key features of the Commercial Dialogue included creating "reliable supply chains, diversifying and friend-shoring [sourcing of material from countries with similar social and political values], facilitating climate and clean technology cooperation, inclusive digital growth, talent development, post-pandemic economic recovery, and a focus on cooperation".

iCET launch welcomed

Mr. Goyal and Ms. Raimondo welcomed the recent launch of the U.S.-India initiative of Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) that will broaden "strategic technology partnership".

A joint statement issued after the event declared, "The Minister and the Secretary charged the semiconductor sub-committee with convening its first engagement in advance of any Commercial Dialogue mid-year review and reviewing recommendations from the joint industry-led task force launched in connection with the iCET."

According to the statement, Ms. Raimondo welcomed "India's active partnership in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity [IPEF]". "The Minister and the Secretary noted that deepening economic engagement among IPEF partner countries is crucial for continued inclusive growth, peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region," it said.

Cong. accuses Modi govt. of 'lobbying' for Adani

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress, quoting the recent interview of Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ali Sabry with *The Hindu*, asked the Narendra Modi government on Friday to explain the basis on which it identified the Adani Group for a "government-to-government" port project in Sri Lanka.

As part of its ongoing *Hum Adani ke Hain Kaun*, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh posed three fresh questions to Prime Minister Modi and accused his government of "lobbying" in favour of the Adani Group for projects in Sri Lanka.

"Parliament resumes on March 13. We are preparing for our interventions to be expunged. But what cannot be erased out is *Hum Adanike Hain Kaun*-26, bringing the total of direct questions of the PM so far to 78," Mr. Ramesh tweeted.

Terminal operations

Mr. Ramesh said the governments of India, Japan and Sri Lanka (then headed by Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe) had signed a memorandum on May 28, 2019 to develop the East Container Terminal in the Colombo South port. A year later, on June 9, 2020, the Sri Lankan Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa announced that India had "selected" Adani Ports as its foreign terminal operator, he added.

However, following the unexpected cancellation of the deal, the Rajapaksa government offered Colombo's West Container Terminal to India and Japan under a 35-year build, operate and transfer lease, which was finalised on September 30, 2021.

"A Sri Lankan Cabinet spokesperson said that India had 'nominated' Adani Ports as the partner. Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ali Sabry described it as a 'government-to-government' port project in a March 5, 2023 interview," Mr. Ramesh said, quoting *The Hindu* interview.

Mr. Ramesh further charged the PM with indulging in "hectic lobbying for his cronies", including for a wind power project in Mannar of Sri Lanka.

J&K can continue hiring using 'blacklisted' firm while court reconsiders plea: HC

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Friday allowed the Union Territory's administration to go ahead with its job selection process and directed a single-judge Bench to decide afresh a petition challenging its engagement of a previously blacklisted Mumbai-based company, Aptech Ltd., to conduct recruitment exams.

The order came as the J&K Lieutenant-Governor's administration faced growing protests from aspirants

J&K L-G Manoj Sinha

and political parties over Aptech's engagement in the selection process that will be held from March 16 to April 5.

A Bench, comprising Justices M.A. Chowdhary and Tashi Rabstan, directed that the writ petition be restored to its original number and remitted back to the single-judge Bench, with a request to decide the matter afresh, while setting aside the earlier order and judgment in the case.

The court listed the case for April 5, 2023 "to finally decide the petition".

Meanwhile, J&K Service Selection Board (JKSSB) Chairman Rajesh Sharma on Friday said that the blacklisting period of Aptech was for three years only, adding that "the company's period got over in May 2022".

Baghel urges PM to hold census, pay GST dues

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Friday and called for conducting a census soon, while also discussing the issues of GST compensation and coal royalties.

He told the PM that many beneficiaries were being deprived of the benefits of various schemes as no census has been conducted after 2011. Mr. Baghel also discussed the action plan for a G-20 meeting to be held in Chhattisgarh.

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NOTIFICATION

ALLOTMENT OF OLD COTTAGES FOR RECONSTRUCTION AT TIRUMALA UNDER COTTAGE DONATION SCHEME

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh is inviting applications from the aspirant donors for construction of new Rest Houses in place of **04 (four)** existing Old Cottages which are in dilapidated condition at Tirumala. All relevant details and documents can be downloaded from **www.tirumala.org.** The filled in applications should be dropped in the sealed box kept in the office of the Dy.Exe.Officer (Panchayat & Revenue), TTD, Tirumala during working hours on working days w.e.f. 11.03.2023 (date of publication of notification) till 03.00 PM on 11.04.2023 Sealed box wall be opened at 04.00 PM on 11.04.2023 at the same premises.

Roc No.PR4/13952/Adv. No.426/PRO/2023,DT.10.03.2023 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India

Advt. No. 01-A/IMSc/2023 March 10, 2023

NBHM invites applications for the current round of Master's and Doctoral Scholarship Schemes. Selection follows a written test and subsequent interview. The **Written Test** is scheduled for **Saturday, 29 April 2023**. The test scores are also used by several institutions to screen candidates for admission to their Ph.D and Integrated Ph.D programmes. For details, visit **https://www.imsc.res.in/nbhm/**

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RSS national executive meet to begin tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) will hold its national executive meeting at Samalkha in Panipat district of Haryana from March 12 to 14. BJP chief J.P. Nadda and national general secretary B.L. Santhosh will participate in the meeting.

According to sources, several changes, both in the RSS and the BJP, may be decided in the meeting, which will be chaired by its chief Mohan Bhagwat and deputy chief Dattatreya Hosabale. Issues such as caste discrimination, conversion of tribal and Dalits will also be discussed. Organisations such as the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh and Bharatiya Kisan Sangh will present their report on farmers and workers.

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TENDER ALERT

1)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-CZ-BAM-07/2022-23: Bids invited from reputed Firms/Agencies under two part bidding system for providing services of skilled manpower on contract (outsourced) basis at an estimated cost of Rs.2,26,35,006/- including GST under ED, Central Zone, Bhubaneswar.

2)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-WZ-BURLA-SECURITY/01/2022-23: Bids invited from reputed Private limited firms/ agencies under single stage two part bidding system for deployment of security guards in Grid S/S, Division Offices, Circle Offices, Zonal Office under the administrative control of Western Zone, Burla at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,37,94,548/-.

3)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-WZ-BURLA-LINE PATROLLING/02/2022-23: Bids invited from reputed Private limited firms/ agencies under single stage two part bidding system for deployment of Line Patrolling Personnel in Transmission Lines under administrative control of Western Zone, Burla at an estimated cost of Rs. 3,20,87,976/-.

4)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-51/2022-23: Bids invited under two part bidding system from reputed IRDAI accredited Insurance Companies having experience in providing cash less health insurance to the employees of State or Central Govt. Departments, PSUs, reputed corporate sectors, organizations for Group health insurance policy for OPTCL Regular employees & their members and retired employees an at an estimated cost of Rs.3.78 Cr.

Complete set of bidding documents are available on:**www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal, and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in.**

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S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV) / Amount put to tender	EMD (Rs.)	Date of release of tender on e-procurement system	Last Date / Time for receipt of tender through e-procurement system
1	Construction of Decentralized Sewage Treatment Plant and Sewage Pumping Station at Punjab Khor, Jat Khor, Auchandi and Qutabgarh along with other associated / allied appurtenant work on Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) for Ten years Operation & Maintenance and two years Defect Liability Period	PPP / HAM BASIS	1,05,40,000/-	09.03.2023 at 18:00 hours onwards Tender ID: 2023_DJB_237913_1	31.03.2023 upto 15:00 hours

Further details, in this regard, can be seen on Delhi Government web-site https: //govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in. Any further corrigendum / addendum / clarification, if any, will be uploaded on website only.

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Junior Superintendent (on Deputation)	01	06	01	--	--	--	--
Graphic Designer / Senior Technical Assistant (Publication)	01	07	01 (PwD)	--	--	--	--
Workshop Supervisor / Superintendent	01	06	01	--	--	--	--
Graphic Assistant / Technical Assistant (Publications)	01	06	01	--	--	--	--
Junior Assistant	09	03	06	01	--	02	--
Hostel Assistant / Caretaker	01	02	01	--	--	--	--

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.

SL. NO.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive Of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram.				
1	Road ID 90A (Dharmalayam Road)	2023_ SCTLT_551327_2	Rs.2,51,54,527/-	20/03/2023
2	Road ID 41 (Kothuval to Sabhapathi kovil street Road)	2023_ SCTLT_550644_2	Rs.4,57,70,352/-	20/03/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail.
All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website.
Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in**

(sd/-) **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

INBRIEF

HAL gets ₹667-crore IAF order for six Dornier aircraft

The Defence Ministry on Friday signed a contract for the procurement of six Dornier-228 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) from Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) at a cost of ₹667 crore. The IAF has used the Dorniers for route transport role and communication duties, apart from training of transport pilots. "The present lot of six aircraft will be procured with an upgraded fuel-efficient engine coupled with a five-bladed composite propeller," a Ministry statement said. The aircraft is ideally suited for short-haul operations from semi-prepared and short runways of the northeast and island chains of India, it added.

NCM announces formation of Global Punjabi Association

Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities, on Friday announced the formation of the Global Punjabi Association (GPA). The association aims to unite the Punjabi community spread across the globe, and promote their language and culture. The GPA – a registered body under the Societies Act – will have its headquarters at Amritsar. During its launch, Mr. Lalpura said Punjab had seen bad days which needed no explanation. "We strongly feel that there are many issues pertaining to Punjabis, which include drug menace and unemployment. Both needs attention and positive approach," he said.

Calcutta HC terminates 842 employees in job scam

In a setback to the West Bengal government, the Calcutta High Court on Friday directed the termination of appointment of 842 Group C employees engaged in State-run schools. Of the 842 candidates, 785 had received appointments by means of OMR (optical mark reader) sheet manipulations and 57 were appointed without the recommendation of the West Bengal School Service Commission. Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay directed the Commission to withdraw recommendations of 785 employees by 12 p.m. on Saturday, in order to cancel all 842 appointments by 3 p.m. on the same day.

'Judiciary will be quick in adopting modern changes'

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday said the Judiciary would not wait for another pandemic to strike before effecting modern changes in its functioning. Speaking at the 18th meeting of the Chief Justices of the Supreme Courts of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states, Chief Justice Chandrachud highlighted the steps taken by the Indian judiciary with the onset of the pandemic. He said since the pandemic, the district courts in India heard 16.5 million cases, the High Courts 7.58 million cases, and the Supreme Court 3,79,954 cases through video-conference. "The pandemic forced the judicial system to adopt modern methods to impart justice," he said.

Air India pilots allowed to fly 2 aircraft types

The airline has welcomed DGCA nod to draw pilots from a common pool for Boeing 777 and 787 jets, but safety experts have underlined the need to exercise utmost caution while permitting flexibility in crew utilisation and demanded strict and third-party oversight on the exercise

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Acceding to a long-pending demand from Air India to allow it to use a common pool of pilots for different aircraft types, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has allowed a small batch of its cockpit crew to interchange between Boeing 777 and 787 aircraft on a trial basis to enable the airline to use its crew optimally at a time of a widening shortage of pilots.

The pilot fraternity and safety experts have, however, underlined the need to exercise utmost caution while permitting flexibility in crew utilisation, and demanded strict and third-party oversight on the exercise.

In a letter to Air India on March 3, aviation regulator DGCA allowed mixed fleet trial operations, identifying eight pilot examiners (those who certify other pilots) to be part of the phase 1 of the trial. The pilots, some of whom fly Boeing 777s and others Boeing 787s, will undergo ground and simulator training for changeover from one type to the other. Following this, they will be able to fly a minimum of 150 hours on the new type, including a minimum of 10 landings.

Trial period

"This exercise will enable us to collect empirical data and decide the future course of action on scaling up the trial," said a senior DGCA official on the condition of anonymity. The official added that 16 countries around the world allow interchangeability of pilots, but they too have done so in a phased manner. "The demand has been there for quite some time, but such a decision involves extensive due diligence which is why it took time," the official added.

The DGCA has allowed a small batch of Air India pilots to interchange between Boeing 777 and 787 aircraft. FILE PHOTO

In an internal message to Air India employees, the airline's CEO, Campbell Wilson, welcomed the decision as it would enable "captains on both fleets to operate either type, expanding their experience, professional development, variety and operating scope, as well as according the company more resilience and flexibility."

The airline recently placed an order for 470 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing, which means it will need "7,000-8,000" pilots".

Mohan Ranganathan, aviation safety expert and former instructor pilot of Boeing 737, has called for the need to exercise caution. "An airline's commercial interests should not drive regulatory decisions," he told *The Hindu*.

On October 12, 1976, Captain K.D. Gupta, who was then the Operations Manager at Indian Airlines in Mumbai, flew a Boeing 737 from Delhi to Mumbai and after spending the remaining day finishing his office work had to step in to fly a Caravelle flight to Bengaluru because of non-availability of crew. During take-off, there was engine fire and he could not shut off the fuel supply because on a Caravelle plane, the pilot moves the switch down to turn it off, but on a Boeing plane, it is the other way around.

"The last sentence recorded on the cockpit voice recorder was, 'I am very very tired'," recounted Captain Ranganathan. All onboard the Caravelle plane died.

"When a pilot is fatigued, he or she will revert to old habits or recall steps to operate the old machine he is accustomed to," he explained. "Therefore, if this is being done to meet crew shortage, the DGCA must ensure that there is an independent audit. Let's not forget that many examiners at Air India are appointed not on the basis of competence, but because of their connections."

Australia, India sign audiovisual co-production agreement

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and Australia have signed an audiovisual co-production agreement under which private, quasi-government or governmental agencies of the two countries enter into contracts to produce films together.

"The government has so far entered into 15 such agreements with various countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Canada," said a senior Information & Broadcasting Ministry official.

An audiovisual co-production will be entitled to claim all the benefits extended in both the countries. "The respective contributions of the producers of the two countries may vary from 20% to 80% of the final total cost of co-produced work," he said.

A third country can also participate in the co-production as a multilateral project, subject to conditions and limits laid down in the laws in force, between the party countries.

The Ministry plans to make incentive applications completely online through the revamped Film Facilitation Office (FFO) website.

Help cow shelters market dung-based formulations for farming: NITI Aayog

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Gaushalas (cow shelters) can become major suppliers of inputs for natural farming in the country through concerted efforts of the government, private players and entrepreneurs, says a report prepared by the NITI Aayog.

Titled "Production and promotion of organic and bio fertilizers with special focus on improving economic viability of *gaushalas*", the report recommended that the Centre help such cow shelters with capital assistance so that they could market cow dung and cow urine-based formulations for applications in agriculture.

The report, authored by a task force headed by NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand, was released here on Friday.

Releasing the report, Professor Chand said integration of crop and livestock was essential for sustainability of agriculture.

"The agriculture in India was based on this integrated approach. But after the green revolution, we could not maintain this balance," he said and added that the use of chemical fertilizers brought imbalance in the soil nutrients.

Cow shelters can address the problem of wandering cattle that feed on or damage crops in many parts of the country. FILE PHOTO

"Of late, realisation has been growing to reduce or replace agro chemicals, serving as plant nutrients and plant protection, for economic, health, environment and sustainability reasons. Accordingly, there is a trend towards natural farming and organic farming where inorganic fertilizer and agro chemicals are replaced by livestock manure, plant-based products, bio inputs, and products made from cow urine and cow dung. The task force felt that *gaushalas* can be of great help in promoting natural farming and organic farming. Thus, complementarity can be built to promote *gaushalas* and natural farming," he said.

The report also suggested that cow shelters could address the problem of stray cattle that damaged crops in many parts of the country. It said the number of stray and abandoned cattle had risen to a level beyond the resources available with existing *gaushalas* for their upkeep and sustenance, and suggested channelling the potential of such cattle wealth for promoting natural and sustainable farming. The population of stray cattle, according to the report, is estimated at 53 lakh.

The report said cow dung-based organic fertilizers would have a huge impact in fulfilling the constitutional mandate under Article 48 that the State shall take steps for preserving and improving cattle breeds, and prohibiting the slaughter of cows and calves, and other milch and draught cattle.

More girls join STEM courses in India than in U.S., U.K., says PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The number of girls studying up to high school and beyond has tripled over the last decade

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said enrolment of girls in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) in India is at 43% today, more than in countries such as the U.S., the U.K. and Germany. He also pitched for unicorns in self-help groups for women.

The number of girls studying up to high school and beyond has tripled over the past decade, and in fields such as medicine, sports, business and politics, not only has the participation of women grown but they are also leading from the front, he said at a post-Budget webinar on economic empowerment of women.

"The reflection of how we can take the country forward with the help of half of the country's population and how we can increase the potential of women power is visible in this Budget," he said.

Observing that for the past nine years, the country has moved with a vision of women-led development, he said that today, the results of efforts for women's empowerment were visible along with a feeling of revolutionary change in the social life of the country. He said the number of women compared with men is increasing in the country and the number of girls studying up to high school and beyond had tripled over the past nine to 10 years.

Mr. Modi said more than seven crore women had joined self-help groups over the past nine years, and their value creation could be understood by their capital requirement as these SHGs had taken loans of ₹6.25 lakh crore.

"Can we make unicorns in self-help groups too, we have brought that vision in the Budget," he said.

He noted that 70% of Mudra loan beneficiaries were women and women benefit majorly from schemes for the promotion of collateral-free loans under schemes such as SVA-Nidhi.

The PM said ₹80,000 crore allotted for the PM Awas Yojana helped women empowerment as most of the three crore houses are in the name of women. "PM Awas Yojana has given women a voice in economic decisions of the household," he added.

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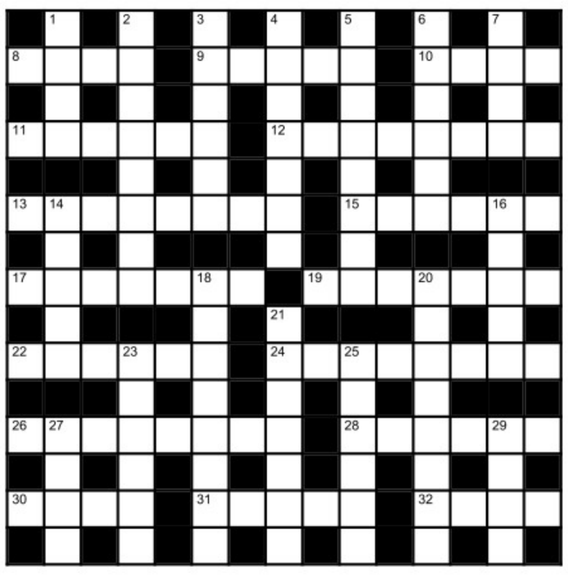

Across

8 Policeman captures right Whip (4)
9 For starters, United Kingdom accord specifies extraordinary decree (5)
10 Bust bust and left over piece (4)
11/4 UFOs scare US? (6,7)
12 Passage designed from Doric or Roman initially (8)
13 Mistakenly reprints: "Bolt, for example" (8)
15 Corrects soldiers starting to dine in Spain (6)
17 After breaking lasso at first, Indiana Jones holds front tip of lash rashly (7)
19 Wrongly suing state for consuming (5,2)
22 American grows old and practices (6)
24 Possessed boat landing facilities for fishes (8)
26 Old cues broken by setter? Pardon... (6,2)
28 Local tribe leader in simple dress (6)
30 Los Angeles representative gets light (4)
31 Wipe out Times Square at last (5)
32 Amount returned by king for perfume (4)

Down

1 Old Egyptian god first law's spoken (4)
2 Erroneous point about Central Intelligence Agency person selling glasses (8)
3 Shift troop leader in money available (6)
4 See 11 Across
5 Intrepid female having no hearing organs (8)
6 Hope Paris is renovated by end of June (6)
7 Club disposed by Columbus modified for wrestling (4)
14 Sick in police station getting medicines, perhaps (5)
16 Stoned model getting out of car compartment after daughter (5)
18 Heard told untruth about sub-machine gun (8)
20 Erroneously mention about zero for twelve in the day (8)
21 Spotted animal from China with ease, I hear, by the ancient house at first (7)
23 Ill tempered doctor consumes drink with Yankee (6)
25 Risk from throwing grenade without energy (6)
27 Festival celebrated by Christians in latex masks (4)
29 Virginia's bearing urn (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Guidelines for a good life

Elders tender certain guidelines for our good life such as: 1. Nurture of cows – scriptures say cow is the most sacred one. It has been a custom traditionally followed in most of the temples, including Srirangam, the first of 108 divyadesams, to station a cow in the early morning before the shrine. It is believed God sees the cow first once the main doors of the sanctum sanctorum are open. This is called Viswaroopa seva. Helping the cause of nurturing cows is sure to yield benefits. 2. Maintenance of rivers – Goddess Andal says *Thooya Peruneer yamunai thuraivan* - by keeping the rivers clean and free from pollution, the sustenance of our life is ensured. In Srirangam temple, for the daily rituals, water is fetched from the Cauvery as it is considered both pure and sacred. 3. Conservation of forest – We have to grow more trees and preserve forest for ecological balance. By contracting our demands, which are the root cause of felling trees, we can save. 4. An apostle says *Nalla padhathal manai vazhvar* – There should be harmony, understanding and cooperation among the members of a family for peaceful coexistence. 5. Women should be placed in the highest esteem. They should not shed tears. It is equally emphasised that women should not make others shed tears. In both cases, Goddess Mahalakshmi will leave their house. 6. We have to love and safeguard our country, known for the righteousness fostered and handed down to us by various good people.

Andal says *Uyyumaru Enni-Aaru* refers to ways and means and also the number six. Following the above six paths, our future generations may prosper well, said Sri Parasara Badribhattar Swamy in a discourse.

LONDON

King Charles III grants brother Edward Duke of Edinburgh title

REUTERS

Britain's King Charles III on Friday awarded his younger brother Edward (in photo), currently known as the Earl of Wessex, the title Duke of Edinburgh, in line with the wishes of the late Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip. The title will not, however, be inherited by Mr. Edward's teenage son James. AFP

JERUSALEM

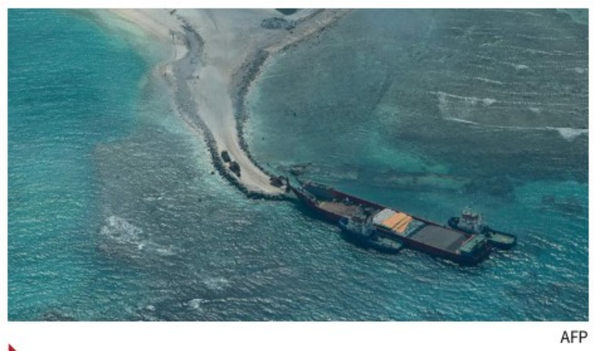
Two Palestinians killed as West Bank violence rumbles on

AFP

An Israeli settler shot dead a Palestinian man on Friday in the occupied West Bank who the Israeli military said was planning an attack, and soldiers killed a teenager during clashes there, Palestinian officials said. The Israeli military said they opened fire at a suspect who threw a fire bomb at them near Qalqilya. REUTERS

SPRATLY ISLANDS

Chinese vessel orders Philippine plane carrying media to 'leave'



AFP

As a Philippine Coast Guard plane carrying journalists flew over the Spratly Islands in the hotly disputed South China Sea, a Chinese voice issued a stern command over the radio: "Leave immediately." The order came from a radio operator on a Chinese Coast Guard vessel 3,500 feet below — one of the ships prowling the waters. AFP

ANKARA

Turkey's Erdogan sets May 14 poll date as he seeks to extend rule

REUTERS

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is seeking to extend his two decades in power, on Friday formally set the country's elections for May 14 — a month earlier than scheduled. This poll will determine whether the country will take a more democratic path or continue on the authoritarian course set by the politician. AP

Xi begins third term as President in firmer control

Han Zheng, the former Vice-Premier, was named Vice-President, while two other Xi allies were appointed to head the NPC and the CPPCC; Li Qiang is expected to be appointed Premier today

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

One-man rule: Xi Jinping swearing under oath after being re-elected President for a third term, in Beijing on Friday. AFP

Chinese leader Xi Jinping was on Friday formally reappointed as President for a third five-year term.

The National People's Congress (NPC), a largely ceremonial legislature, unanimously endorsed Mr. Xi, 69, with all of its 2,952 present members casting votes in favour of his reappointment, and none abstaining or opposing.

While Mr. Xi's selection was a foregone conclusion – he was already appointed General Secretary of the ruling Communist Party in October 2022 for a third term – this week's NPC session has underlined the extent of his unchallenged control and the return of one-man rule to China.

Five years after the NPC ended the two-term limit – Mr. Xi's predecessors, Jiang Zemin and Hu Jintao stepped down after 10 years at the helm – it rubber stamped the appointments of Mr. Xi and his allies to top positions for the next five years.

On Friday, Han Zheng, the former Vice-Premier, was appointed Vice-President in another 2,952-0 result, while two other Xi allies were appointed to head the NPC and the CPPCC (Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference), the upper and lower Houses, also unopposed. A long-time Xi ally, Li Qiang, is on Saturday expected to be appointed Premier, succeeding Li Keqiang, a Hu Jintao ally who has retired after two terms. The new Chinese Foreign Minister, Qin Gang, who recently visited India for the G-20 meet, is likely to be appointed on Sunday as one of several new State Councillors, taking over from Wang Yi, who has been promoted to the Politburo. The appointment will also likely mean Mr. Qin taking over as Special Representative on the India-China border negotiations. The annual NPC session, which has announced an annual growth target of "around 5%" and a 7.2% hike in defence spending, will conclude on Monday.

Besides personnel appointments, the NPC on Friday also approved a sweeping restructuring plan aimed at boosting some of Mr. Xi's key policy goals. The biggest change is a restructuring of the Ministry of Science and Technology "to better allocate resources to overcome challenges in key and core technologies, and move faster toward greater self-reliance in science and technology".

A new National Financial Regulatory Administration has also been set up to more closely manage the country's $60 trillion banking assets and the entire financial industry except the securities sector. A new National Data Bureau will be in charge of all data-related institutions and managing data resources. The restructuring plan also announced that central-level institutions will downsize staff by 5%.

This is the second major restructuring of government, following an earlier reform of the party-state machinery by Mr. Xi, which observers said had brought back closer Communist Party oversight over government bodies, reversing a decades-long effort, going back to the post-Mao years, to separate the functioning of party and government.

German gunman shoots dead six at Hamburg Jehovah's Witnesses hall

Associated Press
HAMBURG

On a rampage: Undertakers carry coffins out of a building after a man fired at a Hamburg Jehovah's Witnesses hall. GETTY IMAGES

A gunman, 35-year-old German national identified only as Philipp F., stormed a service at his former Jehovah's Witnesses congregation in Hamburg, killing six people before taking his own life after police arrived, authorities in the German port city said on Friday.

The police gave no motive for Thursday night's attack. But they acknowledged recently receiving an anonymous tip that claimed the man showed anger toward religious groups and might be psychologically unfit to own a gun.

Eight people were wounded, including a woman who was 28 weeks pregnant and lost the baby. Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the death toll could rise.

Officers apparently reached the hall, a boxy building next to an auto repair shop a few kilometres from downtown, while the attack was ongoing – and heard one more shot after they arrived, according authorities. They did not fire their weapons, but officials said their intervention likely prevented further loss of life. All of the victims were German citizens apart from two wounded women, one with Ugandan citizenship and one with Ukrainian.

German police probe hostage case at pharmacy

Reuters
FRANKFURT

The German police said on Friday that they are mobilised due to a suspected hostage situation in the western German city of Karlsruhe. The incident follows Thursday's deadly rampage at a Jehovah's Witnesses hall in Hamburg.

Police in Karlsruhe had cordoned off the area in the central part of the city because the danger level was unclear, the police said on Twitter. Reached by phone, a spokesperson did not say how many hostages there were or how long the operation had been going on.

Germany's *Bild* newspaper reported that the police were in contact with the alleged hostage-taker.

Pakistan in 'perfect storm' of crises: FM

Associated Press
UNITED NATIONS

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari

Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, said on Thursday his country is facing "a perfect storm" of troubles – an economic crisis, the consequences of catastrophic flooding, and terrorism "that is once again rearing its ugly head".

Discussing his cash-strapped country's crushing need for financial help, he sharply criticised the International Monetary Fund, which last month delayed a $6 billion bailout over Pakistan failing to meet terms of a 2019 deal. The government blames that failure on former Prime Minister Imran Khan, now the Opposition leader.

Georgians rally even as new Bill scrapped

Agence France-Presse
TBILISI

Hundreds of anti-government demonstrators rallied on Friday outside Georgia's Parliament as lawmakers formally withdrew legislation reminiscent of Kremlin-designed rules used to hush dissent and which had sparked days of protests.

The mood was festive outside the legislature where the throngs of Georgians against the legislation blew whistles, waved their red and white flag and held signs that read: "We are Europe".

Georgian lawmakers voted down the Bill in second reading on Friday after just one MP out of 36 backed the Bill that critics had likened to Russian laws used to pressure civil society.

The Georgian Dream ruling party buckled under pressure, announcing on Thursday that it would drop the Bill.

But Opposition parties said their protests would continue anyway, saying there were no guarantees "that Georgia is firmly on a pro-Western course."

U.S. closes down Silicon Valley Bank, the biggest bank failure since 2008 crisis

Agence France-Presse
SANTA CLARA

U.S. regulators shut down Silicon Valley Bank on Friday in a spectacular move that sent global banking shares into turmoil, as markets fretted over possible contagion from the biggest banking failure since the 2008 financial crisis.

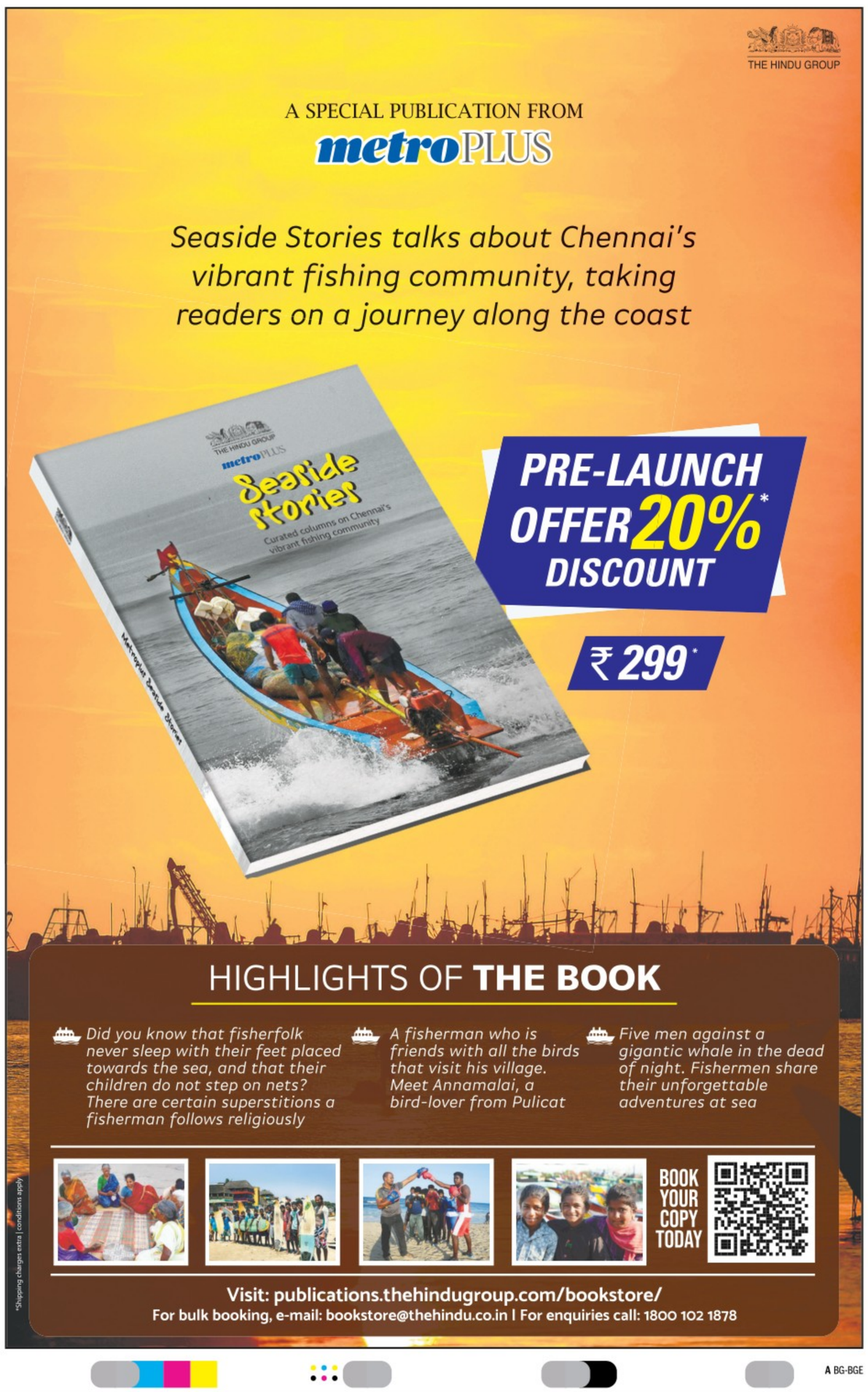
U.S. authorities swooped in and seized the assets of SVB, a key lender to U.S. startups since the 1980s, after a run on deposits made it no longer tenable for the medium-sized lender to stay afloat on its own.

Headquartered in the shadow of the world's biggest tech companies, SVB's travails have raised fears that more banks may face doom as the fallout from high inflation and hiked interest rates squeezes weaker lenders.

Investors fear that other banks could face similar losses as they look for ways to raise cash

A day after the four biggest U.S. banks lost a whopping $52 billion in market value following signs of trouble at SVB, European banking giants were similarly mired in the red, with Deutsche Bank down 10% at one stage.

On Wall Street on Friday, shares in heavyweights Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citibank seesawed, with U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen expressing "concern" about the situation and saying she was "monitoring" a few banks. Investors fear that other banks could face similar losses as they look to raise cash.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INBRIEF

HUL names Rohit Jawa as MD as Sanjiv Mehta set to retire

Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL) on Friday named Rohit Jawa, currently serving as the Chief of Transformation for Unilever in London, as the new Managing Director & CEO of the company from June 27. Mr. Jawa will move to HUL as CEO designate and whole-time director from April 1, and will succeed Sanjiv Mehta, who is set to retire after 10 years at the helm. Mr. Jawa, who will also take over as President, Unilever South Asia, has been Chief of Transformation since January 2022.

Centre releases ₹1.40 lakh cr. in tax devolution to States

The government has released the 14th instalment of tax devolution of more than ₹1.40 lakh crore to States. "The Union Government has released 14th instalment of tax devolution to State governments amounting to ₹1,40,318 crore today, as against normal monthly devolution of ₹70,159 crore," the Finance Ministry said in a statement on Friday. This is in line with the commitment of the Union government to strengthen the hands of states to accelerate their capital and developmental expenditure, it added. PTI

CCI to procure fair average quality cotton till March end

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has said it will procure fair average quality (FAQ) grade cotton from farmers at minimum support price (MSP) till March 31 for the 2022-2023 cotton season. CCI opened more than 400 cotton procurement centres in 11 cotton-growing States for the cotton season that began on October 1, 2022. At present, cotton prices are above MSP level and there is no need for cotton farmers to do distress sale, the CCI said in a press release.

January industrial output rises 5.2%

Expansion in output measured by the IIP was bolstered by a double-digit surge in electricity generation for the third month in a row; growth in manufacturing production, however, remained tepid at 3.7% despite a low base in the year-earlier period

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Industrial output grew 5.2% in January, accelerating from the 4.7% increase in December on the back of a double-digit surge in electricity generation for the third successive month. However, manufacturing output growth remained tepid at 3.7%.

Consumer durables output contracted for the second straight month, shrinking 7.5% in January, a tad narrower than December's 11% decline. The contraction in output came on top of a 4.4% fall in January 2022.

Uptick in IIP

January's data reveals a third straight expansion, with the pace of growth in output picking up from December's 4.7% increase

according to Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis

- Manufacturing production was weighed down by the textiles and electronics sectors,
- Consumer durables output contracted for the second straight month, shrinking 7.5%
- Consumer non-durables shrank 5.7% MoM, signalling a weakening consumption trend

Consumer non-durables production, which had slumped 13% in October, grew 6.2% in January, marking the slowest growth rate in three months. Output shrank 5.7% sequentially from December levels, signalling weakening consumption.

On an end-use basis, intermediate goods' output was virtually flat year-on-year, but capital goods production jumped 11% while primary goods grew 9.6%. While both segments' uptick was buoyed by sub-2% growth rates a year earlier, infrastructure and construction goods' output grew 8.1% in January after an almost 6% rise in the same month in 2022.

'Textiles hurts output'

Manufacturing growth at 3.7% struggled for traction despite a low-base of just 1.9% growth in January 2022, with textiles and electronics pulling the month's output measure down, said Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis. The textiles sector, he reckoned, had been hit by rising costs and declining exports.

"The computers and electronics group which was to benefit the most from the Production Linked Incentive scheme, dropped 29.6%. Given a 3% contraction between April 2022 and January 2023, it looks like those gains have not yet accrued," he said.

High inflation, rising interest rates, weak external demand and waning domestic pent-up demand pose downside risks for the momentum in industrial activity going forward, noted CARE Ratings chief economist Rajani Sinha.

Sensex slides 1% on banking stock sell-off, as U.S. rate increases loom

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices slid 1% on Friday led by a sell-off in banking stocks amid fears of further interest rate hikes in the U.S.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 671.15 points, or 1.1%, to 59,135.13 points, while the NSE Nifty-50 slid 176.70 points to close at 17,412.90.

Lenders led the Sensex's losses with HDFC Bank (2.63%), HDFC (2.27%), State Bank (2.12%), IndusInd Bank (2.06%) and Axis Bank (1.89%) all slipping.

"Markets crumbled for the second straight session as weak global cues triggered selling across the board with banking stocks taking the maximum pounding," said Amol Athawale, deputy V-P, Technical Research, Kotak Securities Ltd. "Sentiment has been bruised by the recent U.S. Fed statement that more rate hikes are on the cards to keep inflation under control, which could fuel recession fears going ahead," he said.

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> **AMOL ATHAWALE**
> Kotak Securities Limited

The sell-off in lenders was also sparked by a rout in U.S. bank stocks after Silicon Valley Bank was forced to raise fresh capital after losing $1.8 billion selling a package of chiefly U.S. bonds to meet depositor demands for cash, Reuters reported.

U.S. payroll data

"Selling intensified as the market awaited the release of U.S. unemployment and non-farm payroll data, which will have a significant impact on the upcoming Fed meeting," said Vinod Nair, research head at Geojit Financial Services.

"However, higher-than-expected jobless claims... helped alleviate some concerns about the Fed becoming stricter," he noted.

U.S. job growth beats expectations in February

Reuters
WASHINGTON

The U.S. economy added jobs at a solid clip in February, likely ensuring that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates for longer, though wage inflation showed signs of cooling.

Non-farm payrolls increased by 3,11,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department's closely watched employment report showed on Friday.

Data for January was revised lower to show 5,04,000 jobs added instead of the previously reported 5,17,000.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,135	-1.12
US Dollar	82.09	-0.03
Gold	55,540	0.94
Brent oil	81.79	-1.84

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1896.20	-56.95
Adani Ports	697.80	0.55
Apollo Hosp	4317.25	-100.90
Asian Paints	2830.20	-23.35
Axis Bank	851.90	-15.90
Bajaj Auto	3821.90	8.40
Bajaj Finserv	1328.85	-23.70
Bajaj Finance	5874.15	-27.15
Bharti Airtel	773.75	0.35
BPCL	326.05	1.20
Britannia Ind	4311.00	19.30
Cipla	881.20	-0.55
Coal India	224.35	-0.45
Divis Lab	2787.50	-22.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4395.55	14.60
Eicher Motors	3116.10	-30.60
Grasim Ind	1595.90	-5.35
HCL Tech	1116.30	-0.35
HDFC	2608.90	-58.20
HDFC Bank	1588.65	-42.05
HDFC Life	490.25	-1.00
Hero MotoCorp	2440.30	-3.50
Hindalco	405.65	-3.20
Hind Unilever	2465.45	4.05
ICICI Bank	842.65	-13.30
IndusInd Bank	1144.80	-25.00
Infosys	1471.55	-8.85
ITC	388.00	0.50
JSW Steel	679.40	-0.80
Kotak Bank	1699.30	-17.40
L&T	2157.85	-35.35
M&M	1226.70	-21.45
Maruti Suzuki	8601.55	59.60
NestleIndia	18485.75	-49.95
NTPC	180.75	1.30
ONGC	155.80	-0.50
PowerGrid Corp	226.55	0.75
Reliance Ind	2322.70	-36.55
SBI Life	1095.90	-0.80
State Bank	547.35	-11.55
Sun Pharma	955.55	2.85
TataConsumerProduct	704.40	-4.85
Tata Motors	435.85	3.65
Tata Steel	108.10	-0.10
TCS	3331.00	-5.85
Tech Mahindra	1061.25	1.25
Titan	2375.50	7.25
UltraTech Cement	7226.40	-16.55
UPL	711.65	-0.45
Wipro	389.10	-1.00

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.84	82.16
Euro	86.71	87.06
British Pound	98.11	98.50
Japanese Yen (100)	59.80	60.03
Chinese Yuan	11.77	11.82
Swiss Franc	88.00	88.36
Singapore Dollar	60.37	60.61
Canadian Dollar	59.16	59.40
Malaysian Ringitt	18.11	18.18
Australian Dollar	53.94	54.15

Source:Indian Bank

Ajanta board approves ₹315-crore share buyback

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Drugmaker Ajanta Pharma's board of directors has approved a ₹315 crore share-buyback proposal.

The company has proposed buyback, through the tender offer process, of 22,10,500 equity shares of face value of ₹2 each at a price of ₹1,425 per share.

The company said the total payout would not be more than ₹389 crore, including buyback tax of up to ₹74 crore.

'Ventilation, cooling industry may grow to $30 bn in size by 2030'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) industry, estimated at $7.8 billion in 2021, is projected to grow to $30 billion by 2030 following rising demand for cooling from the residential sector and on account of the pressing need for design and production of energy-efficient products to meet the net zero target by 2070, top executives of ISHRAE and Informa Markets said.

"Air-conditioning and ventilation are very important even for masses," said Chandrasekar Narayanan Srikantan, National President, The Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE).

"Currently, only 4% of the residential sector has air- conditioning and there is enormous potential for growth because the residential sector will grow at a rate of 15% for the next five years," he added.

Since the building sector contributes 39% to carbon emissions, energy efficiency is important to meet net zero target.

"HVAC systems with better controls, real-time monitoring, advanced building automation, and IoT will propel the industry to grow at a consistent CAGR of 14.8% till 2030," said Yogesh Mudras, MD, Informa Markets in India.

Tata Tech files papers with SEBI for offer for sale

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Technologies Ltd. has filed a Draft Red Herring Prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Board of India for an initial public offering by way of an offer for sale of up to 95,708,984 equity shares for cash, representing about 23.60% of its paid-up share capital.

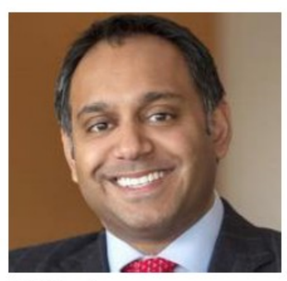
For the nine months ended December, the net profit rose to ₹407.47 crore from ₹331.36 crore in the year-earlier period.

Boeing, GMR MRO arm to set up freighter-conversion facility

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Boeing and GMR's maintenance repair and overhaul arm, GMR Aero Technic, announced an agreement on Friday to establish a new facility for converting Boeing passenger aircraft into freighters in Hyderabad to support the growth of air cargo in the country.

This makes GMR Aero Technic the first Boeing supplier in India to have the capability to support future conversions of domestic and foreign aircraft.



Salil Gupte

"Nearly 1,720 aircraft will be converted into freighters over the next 20 years," Boeing India President Salil Gupte told the media.

"Out of these, 1,200 will be standard body freight conversions such as the Boeing 737s and 50% of this demand will come from Asia," he said.

Substantial opportunity

"Given the growth of e-commerce and electronics manufacturing, there is a substantial opportunity for India to get a pretty large share of those orders."

The facility would kick off once there are orders in place, but Boeing and GMR Aero Technic would begin technology transfer and building capabilities immediately and conclude the whole process within the next 18 months.

Sport

Sri Lanka has NZ in a spot of bother

Reuters
CHRISTCHURCH

Lahiru Kumara. AFP

Sri Lanka's pacers crashed through New Zealand's batting line-up to leave the hosts in trouble at 165 for five on day two of the first Test in reply to the visitors' first innings total of 355.

New Zealand openers Tom Latham and Devon Conway put on 67 before the latter was trapped lbw by Asitha Fernando. The dismissal triggered a collapse as Kane Williamson (1) and Henry Nicholls (2) left in quick succession, losing their wickets to a fired up Lahiru Kumara.

Latham battled to a stubborn 67 before he was bowled by Fernando.

Earlier, the Sri Lankan tail added 50 runs after it resumed at 305 for six.

The scores: Sri Lanka 355 in 92.4 overs (Dimuth Karunaratne 50, Kusal Mendis 87, Angelo Mathews 47, Dhananjaya de Silva 46, Tim Southee 5/64, Matt Henry 4/80) vs New Zealand 162/5 in 63 overs (Tom Latham 67, Daryl Mitchell 40 batting).

Shamrock primed to score in the Octogonal Stakes

BENGALURU: Shamrock, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Octogonal Stakes (1,400m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (March 11). False rails (width about 5.75m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 COUNT FLEET PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Altamonte (5) Vivek 60, 2. By The Book (1) Likith Appu 60, 3. War Trail (8) Srinath 60, 4. Elite Agent (7) Kiran Rai 58.5, 5. He's The One (3) Hindu S 58.5, 6. Dawn Rising (2) L.A. Rozario 58, 7. Marco Polo (4) Kirtish Bhagat 57.5, 8. Regal Force (6) Ashhad Asbar 53 and 9. Sand Castles (9) Arshad 53.
1. WAR TRAIL, 2. MARCO POLO, 3. BY THE BOOK

2 CLASSIC STORY TROPHY (DIV. II). (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. El Alamein (2) Rayan 60, 2. Foi (4) Darshan 59.5, 3. Agera (5) S. John 59, 4. Master Of Courage (1) Vivek 59, 5. Golden Starlet (7) Kiran Rai 58.5, 6. Debonair (6) Tousif 58, 7. Raffles (9) Srinath 58, 8. Fair Counsel (3) Hindu S 55.5 and 9. Bellissimo (8) Koshi K 55.
1. AGERA, 2. FOI, 3. RAFFLES

3 FRANKEL STAKES (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3-00: 1. Hope Island (7) S. John 62.5, 2. Katana (5) Srinath 62, 3. Queen Regnant (6) Darshan 58, 4. Armory (2) Kiran Rai 57, 5. Speaking Of Stars (3) Salman K 57, 6. Thunderstruck (1) Arvind K 55, 7. Aferpi (8) Tousif 54 and 8. Je Ne Sais Quoi (4) Kirtish Bhagat 53.5.
1. HOPE ISLAND, 2. ARMORY, 3. SPEAKING OF STARS

4 OCTOGONAL STAKES (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 3-30: 1. De Villiers (2) Trevor 60, 2. Knight In Hooves (5) M. Prabhakaran 58, 3. Peyo (1) Khurshan Alam 58, 4. Shamrock (4) Suraj 57, 5. Polished Girl (8) Vinod Shinde 55.5, 6. Douglas (3) L.A. Rozario 54, 7. Capable (6) Tousif 50 and 8. Ruling Goddess (7) Arshad 50.
1. SHAMROCK, 2. DE VILLIERS, 3. RULING GODDESS

5 CLASSIC STORY TROPHY (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-00: 1, Stars Above (5) S. John 62, 2. Star Admiral (8) Darshan 61, 3. Sociable (4) L.A. Rozario 60.5, 4. Appsara (3) Kiran Naidu 59, 5. Rightly Noble (2) Rayan 58.5, 6. Cash Out (9) R. Pradeep 58, 7. Belvedere (7) B. Nayak 57, 8. Empire Of Dreams (1) Hindu S 55.5, 9. Oxytocin (–) (–) 55 and 10. Royal Grant (6) Kiran Rai 55.
1. STARS ABOVE, 2. SOCIABLE, 3. STAR ADMIRAL

6 MAJ.C. NEWTON-DAVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-30: 1. Magnus (6) Suraj 57, 2. Pharazon (2) L.A. Rozario 57, 3. Star Concept (1) Kiran Naidu 57, 4. Amazing Attraction (4) Trevor 55.5, 5. Auspicious Queen (3) Kiran Rai 55.5 and 6. Mystikos (5) Neeraj 55.5.
1. AMAZING ATTRACTION, 2. MYSTIKOS

7 MOUNT JOY PLATE (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 5-00: 1. Lycurgus (1) Srinath 60, 2. Spectacular (5) Neeraj 59, 3. Peluche (6) L.A. Rozario 58.5, 4. Own Legacy (3) Darshan 58, 5. Southern Power (4) Ashhad Asbar 57, 6. See My Heels (2) Suraj 56.5, 7. Clever Hans (7) Hindu S 52.5 and 8. Augusto (8) Trevor 52.
1. CLEVER HANS, 2. AUGUSTO, 3. SPECTACULAR

8 COUNT FLEET PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Baroness (7) Kiran Rai 62.5, 2. Altair (2) Srinath 62, 3. Emeraldo (3) L.A. Rozario 60.5, 4. Mega Success (8) Jagadeesh 60, 5. Konichiwa (5) Trevor 59.5, 6. Benignity (4) Rayan 59, 7. Country's Jewel (1) S. John 58.5 and 8. The Intruder (6) B. Nayak 58.5.
1. ALTAIR, 2. KONICHIWA, 3. BARONESS

Day's best: **SHAMROCK**

Double: **HOPE ISLAND – CLEVER HANS**

Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

Super Kind takes the honours in Ashwapriya Plate

BENGALURU: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal's Super Kind (Trevor up), won the Ashwapriya Plate, the main event of the races held here on Friday (March 10).

The winner is trained by Pradeep Annaiah.

Jockey Srinath won three races on the day.

THE RESULTS:

1. NARMADA PLATE: BRUCE ALMIGHTY (Srinath) 1, Ring Master (S. John) 2, Rule Of Law (Darshan) 3 and Southernaristocrat (Kritish Bhagat) 4. Hd, 7 and 3/4. 1m, 55.50s. ₹17 (w), 13 and 14 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 29, FP: 42, Q: 19, Trinella: 89, Exacta: 126. Favourite: Bruce Almighty.

Owners: Mr. Rohit Raman, Mr. Anjan Kumar Rangaraj & Mr. Kishore Reddy. Trainer: Faraz Arshad.

2. BLACK CAVIAR PLATE: CHAMPIONS WAY (Suraj) 1, Prophecy (Neeraj) 2, Marzgovel (Darshan) 3 and Good Tip (Vinod Shinde) 4. 2-3/4, 5-3/4 and 3-1/4. 1m, 13.67s. ₹16 (w), 10 and 23 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 41, FP: 32, Q: 36, Trinella: 69, Exacta: 265. Favourite: Champions Way.

Owners: Mr. Teja Gollapudi & United Racing & Bloodstock Breeders Limited. Trainer: S. Narredu.

3. TED FORDYCE PLATE (DIV. II): TIGER RETURNS (Srinath) 1, Super Ruffian (Indrajeet S) 2, Mystical Merkabah (Kiran Rai) 3 and Silver Swift (Kirtish Bhagat) 4. Not run: Altair. 3/4, Shd and 3/4. 1m, 14.25s. ₹28 (w), 11, 26 and 13 (p), SHP: 92, THP: 48, FP: 272, Q: 142, Trinella: 1,416, Exacta: 5,105. Favourite: Tiger Returns.

Owner: Mr. Hidayat Khan. Trainer: Faraz Arshad.

4. ASHWAPRIYA PLATE: SUPER KIND (Trevor) 1, Montelena (L.A. Rozario) 2, The Inheritor (Koshi K) 3 and Mystic Eye (B. Dharshan) 4. Nose, Snk and 3. 1m, 12.65s. ₹32 (w), 10, 16 and 13 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 41, FP: 128, Q: 51, Trinella: 206, Exacta: 406. Favourite: The Inheritor.

Owner: Mr. Rajan Aggarwal. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

5. ZENYATTA PLATE (DIV. II): PERIDOT (Likith Appu) 1, Arrowette (Darshan) 2, Southern Force (Srinath) 3 and Defining Power (Kiran Rai) 4. 1-1/2, 2-1/4 and 3-1/2. 1m, 27.28s. ₹43 (w), 15, 10 and 13 (p), SHP: 32, THP: 43, FP: 116, Q: 42, Trinella: 225, Exacta: 1,051. Favourite: Arrowette.

Owners: Mr. Fazal Ur Rahman, Mr. Naveen Preben Gowda, Mr. Ananda. C. & Mr. Prashanth Raj. N. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

6. TED FORDYCE PLATE (DIV. I): STARRY WIND (Rayan) 1, Lauterbrunnen (Kiran Rai) 2, Divine Blessings (Likith Appu) 3 and Baltimore (S. John) 4. 1, Nk and 6-1/2. 1m, 13.58s. ₹41 (w), 16, 11 and 16 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 42, FP: 192, Q: 76, Trinella: 409, Exacta: 1,240. Favourite: Lauterbrunnen.

Owner: Mr. A. Wajid. Trainer: Mahmood Khan.

7. ZENYATTA PLATE (DIV. I): DISRUPTOR (Srinath) 1, Eco Friendly (Sai Kiran) 2, Sacred Creator (L.A. Rozario) 3 and Osiris (P. Mani) 4. Not run: Measure Of Time. 5, Nose and 1-1/2. 1m, 26.54s. ₹16 (w), 11, 26 and 14 (p), SHP: 99, THP: 31, FP: 381, Q: 262, Trinella: 1,422, Exacta: 5,257. Favourite: Disruptor.

Owners: Hyperion Bloodstock Pvt Ltd rep. by Mr & Mrs. Farouq K. Rattonsey, Mr. Sameer F. Rattonsey and Mr. Zaheer F. Rattonsey, Mr. P. Prabhakar Reddy & Mr. Rama Seshu Eyunni. Trainer: S. Attaollahi.

Jackpot: ₹3,394 (21 tkts.).

Runner-up: 763 (40 tkts.).

Treble (i): 118 (55 tkts.); (ii): 328 (31 tkts.).

SEVENTH-TIME LUCKY

Green feels more like a Test player after getting the 'monkey off his back'

Australian Cameron Green is seventh-time lucky as he has converted a half-century into hundred and now feels more like a Test cricketer with "monkey off your back". Green, playing his 20th Test, scored 114 (170b). "You feel more like a Test cricketer when you've got that monkey off your back, so it is nice to tick that off in a way."

MARK OF RESPECT

Aussies wear black armbands to pay homage to Cummins' mother

The Australian players on Friday wore black armbands on the second day of the fourth Test against India to pay homage to skipper Pat Cummins' mother, Maria, who died in Sydney on Thursday. Maria, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005, had been battling serious illness in the last few weeks after it relapsed.

FINDING HIS TOUCH

Bavuma's long wait for century ends, South Africa in command

Temba Bavuma's (171 batting) long wait for a second Test century ended as he took his team to a strong position on the third day of the second Test against the West Indies in Johannesburg on Friday. **The scores:** South Africa 320 & 287/7 in 93 overs (Temba Bavuma 171 batting, Wiaan Mulder 42) vs West Indies 251.

BIDDING ADIEU

Shaun Marsh retires from First Class cricket

Shaun Marsh on Friday announced his retirement from First Class cricket after 22 years of service for Western Australia at the Sheffield Shield level, and 38 Test matches for Australia. Marsh made his First Class debut for Western Australia in 2001 when he was 17. He ended with 2,265 Test runs at an average of 34.31.

Khawaja, Green chug along; Ashwin bags a six-for

The former scores 180 and the latter his maiden Test century as Australia tallies 480; Murphy and Lyon add 70 for the ninth wicket; openers Rohit and Gill survive the day as India still trails by 444

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

Usman Khawaja (180, 422b, 21x4) braved the sweltering conditions and batted for 611 minutes – a little more than five sessions – to guide Australia to 480 in the first innings on the second day of the fourth Test before R. Ashwin pulled things back with a six-wicket haul (six for 91), his 32nd five-for.

By the time India came out to bat, only 10 overs remained.

Openers Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill put on 36 without being separated at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Friday.

Upper hand

The first couple of sessions belonged to Khawaja and Cameron Green, who brought up his maiden Test century (114, 170b, 18x4).

Khawaja – the highest run-scorer in this edition of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with 333 – started from where he left off on the opening day and ensured that Australia crossed the 400-run mark despite Ashwin's relentless effort on a placid surface.

Khawaja held the fort while the tall Green – resuming the day on 49 – made the most of the surface where the ball came nicely onto the bat. He cut and drove fluently, putting on a mammoth 208-run stand with Khawaja.

Every time the Indian bowlers, who went wicketless in the first session, erred in lengths, the Aussie duo cashed in. Despite temperatures soaring, both Khawaja and Green looked calm as they extended the lead. On his first Test tour of India, Green picked up 18 boundaries en route his ton.

At a time when it seemed like a walk in the park for Australia, Ashwin struck. Attempting a sweep, Green was caught down the leg side by stumper K.S. Bharat, thus ending the long partnership.

Ashwin tightened the noose further, removing Alex Carey and Mitchell Starc in quick succession and went on to surpass Anil Kumble's wicket tally (111) in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with 113 scalps and join Nathan Lyon as the highest wicket-taker.

Quick wickets

Though Australia lost three wickets for nine runs, Khawaja looked unfazed. Becoming the first overseas batter to play 400 balls in an innings in India since 2010, Khawaja rebuilt before being trapped plumb in the front by Axar Patel, shortly after tea.

This was the second time this year that he missed out on scoring a double hundred despite coming close. As a dejected Khawaja walked back to the pavilion, there were apprehensions of Australia being bundled out soon.

But Lyon put on 70 for the ninth wicket with Todd Murphy before Ashwin dismissed the latter with a leg-before verdict. He then tempted Lyon to nick it to the slips, thus denying Australia a chance to go past 500.

India started aggressively, with Rohit hitting a couple of boundaries and Gill hammering a six.

However, with three full days of action remaining and the Australian total still 444 runs away, India has a long way to go.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
Travis Head c Jadeja b Ashwin 32 *(44b, 7x4)*, Usman Khawaja lbw b Axar 180 *(422b, 21x4)*, Marnus Labuschagne b Shami 3 *(20b)*, Steve Smith b Jadeja 38 *(135b, 3x4)*, Peter Handscomb b Shami 17 *(27b, 3x4)*, Cameron Green c Bharat b Ashwin 114 *(170b, 18x4)*, Alex Carey c Axar b Ashwin 0 *(4b)*, Mitchell Starc c Shreyas b Ashwin 6 *(20b)*, Nathan Lyon c Kohli b Ashwin 34 *(96b, 6x4)*, Todd Murphy lbw b Ashwin 41 *(61b, 5x4)*, Matthew Kuhnemann (not out) 0 *(7b)*; Extras (b-9, lb-3, nb-2, w-1): 15; Total (in 167.2 overs): 480.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-61 (Head, 15.3 overs), 2-72 (Labuschagne, 22.2), 3-151 (Smith, 63.4), 4-170 (Handscomb, 70.4), 5-378 (Green, 130.2), 6-378 (Carey, 130.6), 7-387 (Starc, 135.3), 8-409 (Khawaja, 146.1), 9-479 (Murphy, 165.3).

INDIA BOWLING
Shami 31-3-134-2, Umesh 25-2-105-0, Ashwin 47.2-15-91-6, Jadeja 35-5-89-1, Axar 28-8-47-1, Shreyas 1-0-2-0.

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Rohit Sharma (batting) 17 *(33b, 2x4)*, Shubman Gill (batting) 18 *(27b, 1x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1): 1; Total (for no loss in 10 overs): 36.

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Starc 3-1-7-0, Green 2-0-11-0, Lyon 3-0-14-0, Kuhnemann 2-0-3-0.

Making merry: Green furthered the Australian dominance with the bat helping himself to a strokeful century. VIJAY SONEJI

Reaping the reward: The relentless Ashwin kept the Aussies on a tight leash and was eventually richer for it. VIJAY SONEJI

Will go to bed a bit happier, says Ashwin

Shayan Acharya
AHMEDABAD

Records tumbled on Friday afternoon as R. Ashwin claimed a six-wicket haul in the first innings of the fourth Test against Australia.

On a placid track, Ashwin's relentless effort saw him claiming his 32nd five-for in Tests. Ashwin also became the joint-highest wicket-taker (113 scalps) in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Ashwin said, "You can go to bed feeling a lot better instead of having just three wickets in your kitty. It does feel good as you end up with good bag of wickets, even if you don't bowl [well] sometimes, you feel good about it. I will go to bed tonight a bit early and also a bit happier," Ashwin said.

"While bowling to Green, I felt he was playing a lot besides the line for everything and the wicket wasn't true enough for him to play against the spin constantly. It was an idea to shut him down as his head falls over a lot more. That was the plan, but not necessarily the way you want to get him out. However, it did pan out. Those things also need to go your way," Ashwin said.

"The square here has been a lot fresher as compared to other places. We had instances in Nagpur where First Class teams did get rolled out pretty cheaply in the third and fourth innings. We expected this wicket to play well but not as slow as it did," Ashwin said.

"Whatever changes I have put in – my loading, cocking my wrists, all those things have proved that my spells have been a lot more penetrative than probably they were in Bangladesh, where I don't think I was at my best."

Healy's Warriorz overpower Smriti's Royal Challengers

WPL

P.K. Ajith Kumar
MUMBAI

If the Women's Premier League title were to be decided on the auction table, Royal Challengers would have been a front-runner.

But, then, cricket is the strangest of games. RCB may not disagree. Four matches into the league, it is without a win. The latest humiliation came at the hands of UP Warriorz, which was too keen at the auction to pack the squad with spinners.

On Friday night at the Brabourne Stadium, those slow women played the decisive role – aside from yet another disappointing show with the bat by RCB – as Warriorz won by 10 wickets with seven overs to spare. The five-pronged spin attack was led by the World No. 1 T20I bowler, Sophie Ecclestone, who took four for 13.

RCB was bowled out for 138 and the modest total was chased down with ease by Warriorz. It was captain Alyssa Healy who led the reply with an unbeaten 96 off just 47 balls (18x4, 1x6). Playing the support role to perfection was Devika Vaidya (36 not out, 31b, 5x4), who justified her promotion with a solid innings.

Earlier, RCB once again made good use of the PowerPlay – 54 for one – despite the loss of skipper Smriti Mandhana early. For the fourth time in a row, the left-hander fell to a spinner, this time to her India teammate Rajeshwari Gayakwad, who struck with her very first ball. Smriti came down the track to the left-armer, but ended up giving a simple catch to Anjali Sarvani at extra-cover.

Blazing away: Healy tore into the RCB attack. SPORTZPICS/WPL

But Smriti's opening partner Sophie Devine (36, 24b, 5x4, 1x6) produced the big hits she is known for and when Ellyse Perry (52, 39, 6x4, 1x6), also looked in splendid nick, hopes soared for the sizeable number of the RCB fans inside the stadium. After Perry's dismissal, with nearly five overs remaining, RCB disintegrated.

SCOREBOARD

ROYAL CHALLENGERS
Smriti Mandhana c Anjali b Rajeshwari 4 *(6b)*, Sophie Devine b Ecclestone 36 *(24b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Ellyse Perry c McGrath b Deepti 52 *(39b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Kanika Ahuja c Anjali b Deepti 8 *(10b)*, Heather Knight run out 2 *(2b)*, Shreyanka Patil c Anjali b Ecclestone 15 *(10b, 3x4)*, Erin Burns b Deepti 12 *(9b, 2x4)*, Richa Ghosh run out 1 *(1b)*, Komal Zanzad (not out) 5 *(7b)*, Renuka Singh b Ecclestone 3 *(8b)*, Sahana Pawar lbw b Ecclestone 0 *(1b)*; Total (in 19.3 overs): 138.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-29 (Smriti, 3.1 overs), 2-73 (Devine, 8.2), 3-85 (Kanika, 10.6), 4-98 (Knight, 12.2), 5-116 (Shreyanka, 14.4), 6-125 (Perry, 16.2), 7-130 (Burns, 16.5), 8-131 (Richa, 17.1), 9-138 (Renuka, 19.2).

UP WARRIORZ BOWLING
Harris 4-0-34-0, Anjali 3-0-27-0, Rajeshwari 4-0-26-1, Ecclestone 3.3-0-13-4, Deepti 4-0-26-3, Devika 1-0-12-0.

UP WARRIORZ
Devika Vaidya (not out) 36 *(31b, 5x4)*, Alyssa Healy (not out) 96 *(47b, 18x4, 1x6)*; Extras (b-1, lb-5, w-1): 7; Total (for no loss in 13 overs): 139.

RCB BOWLING
Komal 2-0-22-0, Shreyanka 3-0-36-0, Burns 2-0-18-0, Renuka 2-0-20-0, Sahana 1-0-11-0, Knight 1-0-9-0, Perry 2-0-17-0.

Toss: RCB; **PoM:** Healy.
Saturday's match: Gujarat Giants vs. Delhi Capitals, 7.30 p.m.

India begins post-World Cup phase with win over Germany

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Uthra Ganesan
ROURKELA

The long-standing inside joke in Indian hockey circles is to keep the men's team in the dark about the identity of the tournament till after it has actually ended to get the best out of them. Outside the country, most teams insist India is tough to beat at home. Friday was both as India started its post-World Cup rebuilding with a 3-2 against reigning champion Germany.

At the capacity Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium – the venue of its last competitive outing more than a month back – India played like it was expected to in the Hockey Pro League, with pace and without pressure, after taking time to get its rhythm.

It created chances, pushed hard, found the gaps, defended like a wall – things it did during the World Cup as well. But they also adapted, switched between possession hockey and quick passing and improved as the game wore on, things they had faltered in.

Ahead of the game, captain Harmanpreet Singh had almost seemed riled with the repeated references to the World Cup. He appeared ready to move on, and did, converting India's first PC at the stroke of half time – a low flick to the right with the power that had been sorely missed. That he missed a crucial penalty stroke right at the end would rankle, though.

Harmanpreet had also spoken about slight experiments with positioning. Whether it was strategic or not, the return of a fully-fit Hardik Singh and Sumit in the middle meant relieving Manpreet Singh of at least one of the multiple roles.

He was free to supplement the attack and the defence, along with Vivek Sagar Prasad, and was outstanding everywhere. Sukhjit struck twice, taking full advantage of being perfectly positioned in front of the goal and put through, first by Jarmanpreet Singh on the move diagonally from the half line on the right and then by Manpreet doing the same from the left – passes to cherish for the ages.

The Germans, patient with their short, accurate passes consolidating and building from the flanks, were never out of the game, though, threatening to score from counter-attacks and keeping the Indians on their toes.

An advancing P.R. Sreejesh without any defensive back-up was beaten by Paul-Philipp Kaufmann in the 45th minute to reduce the margin and Michel Struthoff got one three minutes from time.

The result: India 3 (Harmanpreet Singh 30-PC, Sukhjeet Singh 32, 43) bt Germany 2 (Paul-Philipp Kaufmann 45, Michel Struthoff 58).

Sizzler: Harmanpreet flicked home a penalty corner to put India ahead. TWITTER@HOCKEY INDIA

INBRIEF

Rousing win for United; Arsenal in thrilling draw

Manchester United bounced back from a historic thrashing by Liverpool to beat Real Betis 4-1 in the first leg of their Europa League last 16 tie, while a 2-2 draw away to Sporting Lisbon gave Arsenal work to do to reach the quarterfinals.

Murray, Raducanu survive gruelling opening test

Britons Andy Murray and Emma Raducanu both showed remarkable heart to come out on the winning side of tough first round matches at Indian Wells on Thursday. Murray fired an ace out wide on match point to overcome Argentina's Tomas Etcheverry 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-4 in the latest in a string of impressive comebacks. Murray's compatriot Raducanu battled back from a break down in both sets to beat Danka Kovinic 6-2, 6-3..

Anupriya wins girls' under-18 shot put crown

V.S. Anupriya of Kerala clinched the under-18 shot put gold medal with a heave of 15.59m at the National Youth Athletics Championships at the M.G. District Stadium in Udupi on Friday.

The results (winners): Boys: 3000m: 1. Aman Kumar (Har) 8:35.86s; **Discus:** 1. Ritik (Har) 56.18m, 2. Abdul Rahaman (UP), 53.07, 3. Vaibhav (HP) 51.57.
Girls: 3000m: 1. Anju Bala (Har) 10:20.16s; **long jump:** 1. Mubassina Mohammed (Lak) 5.83m; **pole vault:** 1. B. Sowndharya Balakrisi (TN) 3.20m; **shot put:** 1. V.S. Anupriya (Ker) 15.59m; **hammer throw:** 1. Neha Yadav (UP) 55.80m.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9 a.m.
India vs Australia: 4th Test, day 3, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
South Africa vs West Indies: 2nd Test, day 4, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD) 2 & 4.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6, 8.30 & 11 p.m.
WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 11 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m.
BWF German Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 11.15 p.m.
New Zealand vs Sri Lanka: 1st Test, day 4, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Motherhood helps Amandine realise what's important in life

Before I had the baby, I was not feeling good and needed something in my life, I needed to be a mom, says the French player who became a mother in July last year

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Amandine Hesse cradles her baby daughter Stella in her arms while she waits for her match to commence at the KSLTA Stadium. With her partner Thomas by her side, Amandine is all smiles.

The French player became a mother in July last year. Amandine's priorities have changed, and she couldn't be happier.

"Before I had the baby, I was not feeling good. I needed something in my life – I needed to be a mom," Amandine, who is competing in the KPB Trust ITF Women's Open here, said on Friday.

"I used to put too much pressure on myself. When I lost a match, I would cry. Now when I see my daughter laugh even when I lose, it makes everything easier. I understand what is truly important in life," Amandine said.

On how her routines have changed since Stella arrived, the 30-year-old said, "I don't sleep so well now (laughs). If I need to cancel practice to take care of the baby, I will. Thomas takes great care of Stella; he makes things very easy for me. Stella is the star in the locker room. All the players want to carry her and talk to her. It's great fun."

Take away: Amandine says when she sees her daughter laugh even when she loses, it makes everything easier. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After a year's break, Amandine returned to the court in January this year. At the time of her hiatus, Amandine was the World No. 165 – close to her career-best singles ranking.

When she rejoined the fray, Amandine did not have a ranking. It was difficult to start from scratch, and she was fortunate to receive a wild-card entry to the qualifiers of the ITF W40 Macon at home. She did well to reach the quarterfinals at Macon and enter the world rankings.

Amandine, currently the World No. 911, is now in a position to gain entry to tournament qualifiers.

The WTA allows mothers returning to the tour after giving birth to use their previous ranking to enter 12 tournaments. Amandine wants to build some confidence before availing her protected ranking status.

Choosing wisely

"I get only 12 tournament entries, so I have to choose wisely. Now that I have a world ranking, I can enter the qualifiers of some events. I will use these matches to find some rhythm and build self-confidence. When I start to feel good about my game, I will use my protected ranking entries," Amandine, now the World No. 911, said.

Amandine aims to better her career-best ranking. This will be a challenge, even as she carries a bigger purpose than just winning tennis matches.

"My body is changing, everything is different now, but I have the respect of other players. I want to prove to women that they can have a baby and come back to playing professional tennis," Amandine said.

Indian women pugilists strike a confident note ahead of the Worlds

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

The Indian boxers exuded confidence about their preparation, and expressed a keen desire to dominate the Women's World Boxing championship, at a press conference in the presence of the Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) president Ajay Singh here on Friday.

Not just world champion Nikhat Zareen or Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain but every one of the 12 boxers, competing in the 48kg to 81kg plus weight categories, had belief in their ability to excel.

Commending the rise of Indian boxing from 44th rank in the world to No. 3, minister Thakur goaded the organisers to capitalise on the chance to inspire the next generation of boxers by helping them witness the action, at the KD Jadhav Hall of Indira Gandhi Stadium from March 15 to 26. With gold medallists assured of $100,000 prize money, apart from $50,000 for silver and $25,000 for bronze, for a total of $2.4 million, the Sports Minister remarked said that the "money should stay here".

Ajay Singh also said that it was an added incentive for the boxers who were otherwise focused on doing the nation proud.

Sweety Boora, who competes in the 81kg section, gave an insight of the bonding and camaraderie in the team revealing how each boxer supported the other.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Easy going: Jakupovic cruised into the last four. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Ankita and Rutuja set up a semifinal clash

India's Ankita Raina and Rutuja Bhosale displayed tenacity to record close wins in the singles quarterfinals of the KPB Trust ITF Women's Open at the KSLTA Stadium on Friday.

Ankita, the fourth seed, fought past Dea Herdzelas of Bosnia And Herzegovina 6-1, 6-7(7), 7-5 while Rutuja overcame eighth-seeded Briton Eden Silva 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4. Ankita will face Rutuja in an all-Indian semifinal on Saturday.

Top seed Brenda Fruhvirtova, 15, also entered the semifinals with a 6-0, 7-5 victory over Indonesia's sixth seeded Madelyne Nugroho.

Slovenia's Dalila Jakupovic registered an easy 6-2, 6-0 win against Ikumi Yamazaki in the other quarterfinal.

Rutuja and her Swedish partner Jacqueline Awad went down to favourites Jorge Fransica and Jorge Matilde 6-2, 3-6, 8-10 in the doubles semifinal.

AG Tamil Nadu takes the honours

G.V. Vignesh top-scored with 72 as AG Tamil Nadu defeated AG Kerala by 14 runs in the final to win the Indian Audit and Accounts Department South Zone cricket tournament in Bengaluru on Friday.

The scores: AG Tamil Nadu 163/6 in 20 overs (G.V. Vignesh 72, S. Ashwin Balaji 32) bt AG Kerala 149/9 in 20 overs (Manu Krishnan 58 n.o.).

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